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WEEK DAYS

		A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	NOON	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon...	Dep.	6.40	9.15	10.30	12.00	1.15	4.35	5.50	7.10
Yau-mat...	Dep.	6.50	9.24	10.39	12.09	1.24	4.44	5.59	7.19
Shatin...	Dep.	7.02	9.36	10.51	12.21	1.36	4.56	6.11	7.31
Tai-po...	Dep.	7.16	9.49	11.04	12.34	1.49	5.09	6.24	7.44
Tai-po Market...	Dep.	7.31	9.58	11.13	12.43	1.58	5.18	6.33	7.53
Fanning...	Dep.	7.42	10.08	11.23	12.53	2.07	5.27	6.42	8.02
Shuanghui...	Dep.	7.56	10.27	11.42	13.12	2.21	5.41	6.56	8.16
Shum-chun...	Dep.	7.42	10.18	11.33	13.03	2.13	5.33	6.48	8.08

		A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	NOON	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Shum-chun...	Dep.	7.21	8.06	10.38	11.40	8.00	4.17	5.13	6.09
Shuanghui...	Dep.	7.28	8.12	10.45	11.47	8.07	4.24	5.20	6.16
Fanning...	Dep.	7.32	8.16	10.49	11.51	8.11	4.28	5.24	6.19
Tai-po Market...	Dep.	7.42	8.26	10.59	12.02	8.21	4.38	5.34	6.29
Tai-po...	Dep.	7.42	8.26	11.04	12.07	8.25	4.42	5.38	6.33
Shatin...	Dep.	7.59	8.43	11.17	12.21	8.38	4.56	5.51	6.46
Yau-mat...	Dep.	8.12	8.55	11.29	12.33	8.50	5.08	6.03	6.58
Kowloon...	Dep.	8.30	9.03	11.37	12.41	9.08	5.16	6.11	7.06

SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

		A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	NOON	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon...	Dep.	6.40	8.35	9.15	10.30	12.00	2.25	4.50	7.10
Yau-mat...	Dep.	6.50	—	—	10.39	12.09	2.31	4.56	7.19
Shatin...	Dep.	7.02	—	—	10.51	12.21	2.43	5.08	7.31
Tai-po...	Dep.	7.16	—	—	11.04	12.34	2.56	5.21	7.44
Tai-po Market...	Dep.	7.31	—	—	11.13	12.43	3.00	5.25	7.53
Fanning...	Dep.	7.42	—	—	11.23	12.53	3.10	5.35	8.02
Shuanghui...	Dep.	7.56	—	—	11.42	13.12	3.24	5.49	8.16
Shum-chun...	Dep.	7.42	—	—	11.33	13.03	3.16	5.41	8.08

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Shum-chun...	Dep.	8.12	10.28	11.40	3.00	4.17	5.20	6.16	7.06
Shuanghui...	Dep.	8.19	10.35	11.47	3.07	4.24	5.27	6.23	7.13
Fanning...	Dep.	8.23	10.39	11.51	3.11	4.28	5.31	6.27	7.17
Tai-po Market...	Dep.	8.33	10.49	12.02	3.21	4.38	5.41	6.37	7.27
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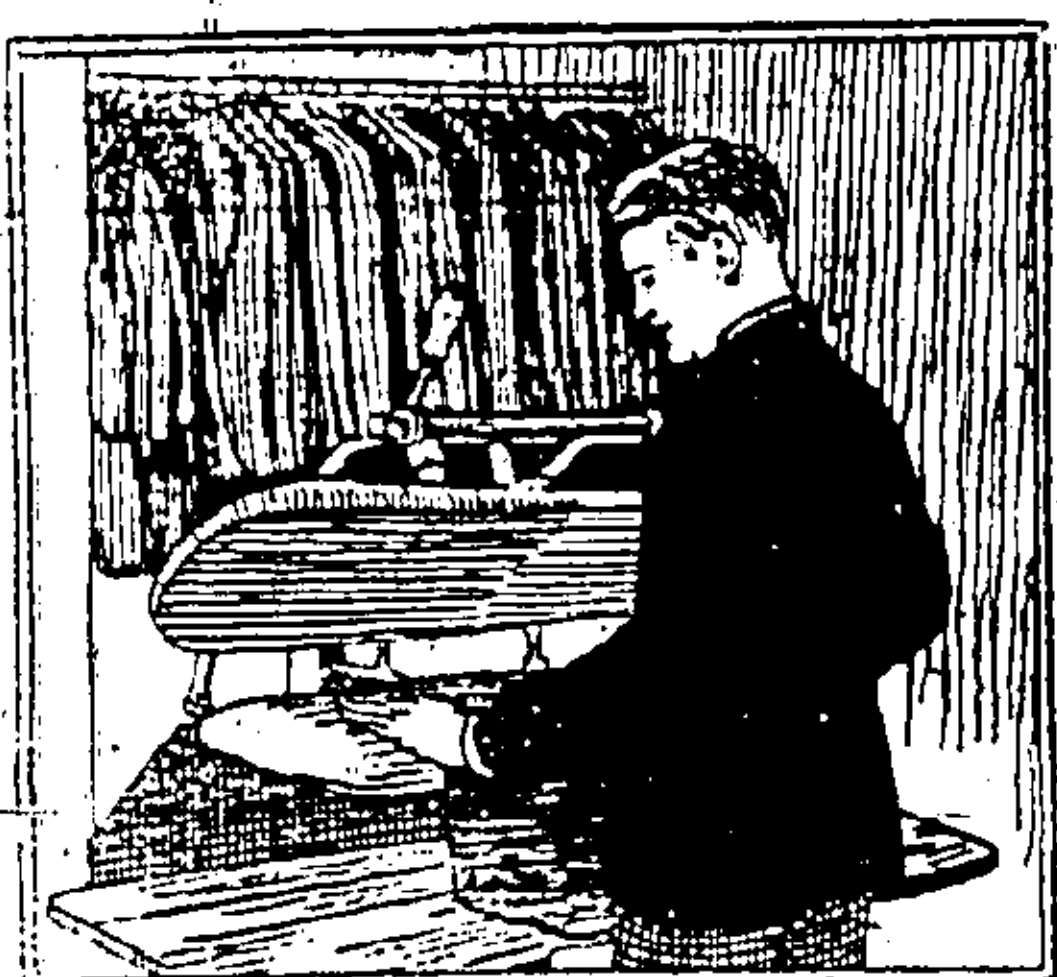
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Kowloon 2 Hongkong Club 1
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Division II. "A."

St. Josephs 2 South China "A." 1

Division II. "B."

South China "C." 3 University 2

CLUB "KOWLOON."

Great interest was taken in the meeting of these teams on the H.K.F.C. ground in the first round of the Challenge Shield competition and a good number of supporters turned out to cheer on their favourites. A penalty goal gave Kowloon the lead which they maintained until the interval. Then a penalty to the Club saw them level once again, Kowloon scoring the winning goal halfway through the second half. There was little to choose between the teams and on the general run of the game a draw would have been a correct result.

Several miskicks in the opening minutes of the game gave the respective forwards a good opening, but marksmen were lacking, although Morrison got in a couple of shots from long range which were practically useless against the class of goalkeeper like Avery, who was out between the sticks for Kowloon in his first competition game. A fine opening was presented the Club forwards after fifteen minutes' play, for Avery appeared to be beaten but the Club forwards crowded in the goalmouth and got in the way of each other and Avery fisted away almost from Forsyth's head. With Bishop doing his utmost to prevent a bouncing ball from touching his hands, the bumpy ground caused the ball to take an unexpected turn, and Bishop was penalised for handling in the penalty area. Simms made certain from the spot kick sending the ball passed Roger and Kowloon took the lead after about twenty-five minutes' play.

The exchanges continued very even, the halfback line on each side preventing any attempt at combination. On the whole the attack was on the wild side, the wing men being very noticeable by failing to get their centres in front of goal. Forsyth, the opportunist, was always well placed but centres failed to come his way, the wingers sole object being to get the ball into the net and they failed. At the interval the scores were: Kowloon, 1; H.K. Club, 0.

Early in the second half, McKelvie took a pot shot at goal and Howard dropped the ball close in. Forsyth had his chance but turned the ball just outside the post. Read gave away a corner after Wheeler had miskicked but Morrison sent behind with the flag kick. Turner and Duncan tried shots for Kowloon but they lacked sting and the defence easily cleared. Forsyth and McKelvie met in the Kowloon goal area and a little bit of hooking and back-heeling between them ended in the Kowloon captain being penalised and the Club were awarded a penalty. Forsyth took the spot kick and Avery was easily beaten. With the score one all, interest in the game was resumed and a little excitement was caused when McKelvie got the better of Wheeler but the Kowloon player reached out and pulled the ball down thirty yards out. The free kick was cleared and Brodie created a sensation when he ran through the defence and sent in a well placed shot that Avery with a full length dive managed to turn round the post. A scramble followed the flag kick and Avery was yards out of goal when the ball was sent in but Simms cleared from the goal line. Another free kick for the Club, twenty-five yards out gave them no advantage for Kowloon clearing went down and McKelvie sent Cavellie in to beat Roger with a well placed shot giving Kowloon the lead.

Following this the Club had the better of the exchanges for a time but failed to score. A fine piece of work on the part of Cavellie and Roger received well merited applause for Cavellie only six yards out received from a centre by Hayes and sent in with a first timer, Roger bringing off a good clearance. Forsyth with only Avery in front of him made a miserable attempt to score the ball going well out to right of the posts. Duncan met the ball from a cross by Cavellie but sent outside the posts. After Avery had fisted out a shot from Brodie, Howard lobbed back into the goalmouth, Forsyth just reaching the ball with his head and turning it outside the posts. In the next minute Avery punched away from a shot by Morrison. Cavellie sent well over the bar and Hayes ended a sprint down the wing by sending behind. McKelvie gave Morrison a good opening but the winger sent behind. Roger left his goal to clear from a forward pass by Simms and Linaker rushed in but Gerrard covered up and cleared. The final whistle sounded with Kowloon winning by two goals to one and they will now meet the Police in the semi-final on the 27th instant.

The teams:—
Kowloon.—Avery; Wheeler and Read; Turner, Simms and McKelvie; Taylor, Cavellie, Linaker, A. Duncan and Hayes. Club.—G. Roger; Gerrard and Bishop; Summers, Howard and Watson; Pile, Forsyth, Brodie, McKelvie and Morrison. Referee: Mr. Baldwin.

CLUB DE RECREIO v. R.A.

Playing at home, the Gunners failed to hold the Portuguese team and took their exit from the Shield competition for another year. The Gunners had a chance to take the lead in the first half through a penalty and at the interval the score sheet was blank. In the second half the Recreio were on top and put on four goals to one by the R.A.

The game was played before a good attendance. Stanton was early called upon to defend from Gosano, and in the next minute the Recreio centre just missed with a header. The Artillery right got clear and Grew centred but Fernandez cleared with Wilson close in. Reads returned with a hard shot but Ogley sent over the bar. Following the corner kick Lucock was given offside and the pressure was relieved. Gosano took another shot at goal but it was turned down by Viccars. Ogley handled in the area but Pulford failed to get the ball passed Fernandez although the goalie dropped the ball he recovered in time to clear.

Resuming with a blank sheet, the Gunners were the first to become dangerous but Wilson handling spoiled their chances. Rocha gave the Recreio the lead receiving from a wing pass he beat Stanton from close range. The Recreio returned to the attack and the R.A. defence were hard pressed. The Artillery forwards got away with a clear field have a chance to level up but were slow and the Recreio cleared. Silva started a movement that ended with Fuentes beating Stanton and giving the Recreio the lead. The R.A. transferred play and Fernandez fell in clearing a shot from Wilson but A. A. Remedios cleared from the goal line. Fuentes received from a pass by Remedios and beat Stanton from close range. Carrying by Fernandez enabled the R.A. to score their only goal of the match for Rachel banging the ball at the legs of the Recreio players who were crowding their goal, it rebounded into the net. Gosano netted with Stanton full length on the ground after clearing from a shot by Fuentes.

The final whistle sounded with the Recreio winning by four goals to one. They will now meet the East Surreys in the semi-final on 27th instant.

The teams:—
Recreio.—Fernandez; Ogley and Xavier; H. C. Remedios; A. A. Remedios and A. H. Remedios; Fuentes, Silva; Gosano, Rocha and Brown.

R.A.—Stanton; Whittington & Moakes; Rachel, Reads and Viccars; Grew, Hollands, Pulford, Wilson and Lucock. Referee: Mr. Atkinson.

POLICE v. "TAMAR"

These teams met on the St. Joseph's ground, the game ending in a win for the Police by three goals to two. The uneven state of the ground made accurate play impossible. At the interval the Police were leading by two goals to nil. Johnson and Cornwall being the marksmen. Early in the second half, Noonan put the Police further ahead but King and Hillier scoring for the Tamar in the last fifteen minutes of the game gave the sailors' hopes of making the scores level but time was against them and they had to retire defeated by the odd goal in five.

Police.—A. E. Clarke; Wynne and Byrom; Brittain, Forbes and Jossop; Cornwall, McEwen, Johnson, Noonan and Clark.

Tamar.—Baddock; Teasdale and Barker; Sandy, Carter and Miles; Simpson, Hillier, Steer, King and Bennett. Referee: Mr. Matthews.

ST. JOSEPH'S v. SOUTH CHINA "A."

The St. Joseph's team lowered the record of the South China "A." team when they met on the Club ground in their re-arranged match which the College team had to forfeit after winning by two clear goals in the early part of the season.

After playing a first half goalless St. Josephs were awarded a penalty kick but Hui Shing fu cleared from Ward who took the spot kick. South China were more successful with their penalty kick which they were awarded in the next minute. Lau Kau netting from the spot kick. Being a goal down, St. Josephs put more life into the play and Choi Ping Fan handled well out. Omar placed well from the free kick and Maher running in sent the ball into the net making the scores level. South China then went out for the lead but they met a sound defence, while St. Josephs were content with kicking the ball well up the field.

Those were awarded a corner and Kent was lucky enough to send the ball into the net direct from the corner kick. Hui being hampered through his own backs crowding the goal line.

The final whistle sounded with South China attacking but a beaten side by two goals to one.

This will make the division championship more open and the meeting between South China "A." and the East Surreys Reserves will probably decide this.

SOUTH CHINA "C." UNIVERSITY.

South China maintained their unbeaten record in the "B" division and won against the University on the Garden ground by three goals to two. The University took the lead through Gutteres and in the next minute Li Ping Tong scored for South China. Fan Kah Chuen put South China ahead with a lucky shot, the University goalie, misjudging the ball from a high shot. Before the interval Jap made the scores two goals all. The second half was evenly contested, the only goal being scored by Li Ping Tong for South China who won as above stated.

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COMPANY MEETING.

SHANGHAI COTTON SPINNING &
WEAVING CO.

SUBSTANTIAL LOSSES DUE TO
MAY 30TH.

GOOD BUSINESS CERTAIN IF FIGHTING ENDS.

Mr. H. Arnold speaking at the ninth
annual general meeting of the Shanghai
Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.
last week, said:—

During the first five months of the
year, the mill worked at a small profit,
but the difficulties experienced subsequent
to May 30th have unfortunately converted
this into a substantial loss. The local
conditions which compelled us to close
the mill from the June 3rd to October
1st, are well-known to you and I need
not take up your time in describing them.
During this period of inactivity, our
overhead charges and the wages of those
of our foremen who remained loyal to
the company continued. These charges,
and the amounts which we had to pay
out on the termination of the strike, were
incurred without any return to the com-
pany in the shape of production, and ex-
ceeded the large amount of Tls. 50,000.

LOSS ON COTTON PURCHASES.

To this must be added the loss on our
purchases of cotton at the time of the
outbreak of the strike and boycott. In
view of the difficulty of obtaining cotton
of good quality towards the end of the
season, it is customary to cover our re-
quirements early in the year up to the
advent of the new crop. This policy
was pursued during the past year, with
the result that we had covered the greater
part of our requirements up to Septem-
ber at an average price of over Tls. 41
a picul, which compared favourably with
the prices then ruling, and which would
have left us a profit had the boycott not
prevented us from selling our stock and
from operating the mill. When the mill
was able to recommence work four
months later, the new crop had come on
to the market, and we would have been
able to cover our requirements at prices
not exceeding Tls. 38. We therefore had
to write down our stocks accordingly,
and we propose applying the cotton
equalization fund to meet these differ-
ences. You will therefore realize that
the strike has cost us directly and in-
directly, approximately Tls. 180,000 or
more than the whole of the adverse
balance on profit and loss account.

ASSISTANCE FROM CHINESE CHAMBER.

Our thanks are due to the Chinese
General Chamber of Commerce for the
assistance given us in negotiating a set-
tlement of the strike in September last.
The strike itself was engineered by out-
side influences. Our mill hands were
in no way discontented but they were
forced out by a campaign of intimidat-
ion on the part of agitators. During
this period of inactivity they suffered
considerable hardships and were glad
eventually to resume work. The terms
of settlement provided for an increase
of wages of 10 per cent., which increase
came into force on January 1st. Since the
resumption of work, there have been
periodical symptoms of unrest caused by
professional agitators, but nothing of
a serious nature has occurred, and we
are gradually weeding out all unde-
sirable elements.

IF ONLY STRIKE WOULD CEASE.

It is impossible to be optimistic under
the conditions which at present prevail
all over China. With Civil War, robbery
and brigandage prevailing almost every-
where, with the military in occupation
of the railways, prevention of the move-
ment of cargo, it is not surprising that
the demand for yarn is poor, and that
people live from hand to mouth, with
the result that stocks in Shanghai are
accumulating. On the other hand,
stocks up-country are said to be small,
and given peaceful conditions, so that
farmers can transport and dispose of
the produce of the soil, a steady demand
for yarn and cloth would make itself
felt.

The price of yarn to-day is lower than
it has been for three years. If the Paris
Conference now sitting in Peking should
be brought to a successful issue, the pre-
sent adverse conditions would make way
for a period of prosperity for the textile
industry, but failing this, the outlook
is anything but encouraging.

Turning to the accounts, your Direc-
tors recommend writing off the debit
balance of Tls. 104,952.47 in the follow-
ing manner:—

The transfer of Tls. 100,000.00 to the
cotton equalization fund, and Tls.
4,952.47 to general reserve fund.

The total reserves of the Company will
then stand at Tls. 1,163,135.82, in addi-
tion to the depreciation reserve fund of
Tls. 1,000,000. Considering that the up-
keep of machinery is written off the work-
ing account every year, and that the
replacement cost of most of the ma-
chinery is higher to-day than at the
time at which it was purchased, this de-
preciation reserve must be considered
extremely conservative. Assuming, how-
ever, that the Company's assets have de-
preciated to that extent, the assets still
amount to approximately Tls. 3.40 per
share. It is to be hoped that conditions
before long will improve sufficiently to
enable the Company once more to earn
profits and distribute dividends.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

March 13th, 1926.	
Hongkong Bank	£1,048 buy.
Do., London	£125 nom.
Chartered Bank	£211 nom.
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	£230 buy.
Do., C.	£213 buy.
P. & O. Bank	£179 nom.
East Asia Bank	£179 buy.
Canton Insurance	£1810 buy.
China Underwriters	£250 nom.
North China Insurance	£145 nom.
Union Insurance	£385 buy.
Yangtze Insurance	£444 buy.
China Fire Insurance	£165 buy.
Hongkong Fire Insurance	£350 buy.
Douglas	£24 nom.
E.K. & M. Steamboats	£24 buy.
Hongkong Tugs	£24 buy.
Indo-China (Pref.)	£38 nom.
Do. (Def.)	£40 nom.
Shell Transport	£9/3 buy.
Star Lines	£85 nom.
Waterboats	£15 buy.
Oriental Navigations	£250 nom.
China Sugars	£38 buy.
Malacca Sugars	£14 nom.
Benguet	£14 nom.
Kailash Mining Adv.	£48 buy.
Langkate (combined)	£23 buy.
Do. (single)	£11 buy.
Shanghai Explorations	£15 nom.
Shanghai Loans	£15 nom.
Bank	£3 buy.
Trench Mines	£5/4 buy.
Ural Caspian	£9/11 buy.
E.K. & W. Docks	£131 buy.
H.K. & W. Docks	£68 buy.
Hongkong	£170 buy.
New Engineering	£15 buy.
Shanghai Docks	£98 buy.
H.K. & S. Hotels	£10 nom.
Hongkong Land	£44 buy.
Hongkong Realty (S.P.)	£44 buy.
H.K. Territorial (S.P.)	£44 buy.
Humphreys & Coates	£144 buy.
Prince's Buildings	£120 sel.
Bural Lands	£7 nom.
Evo Cottons	£11.96 buy.
Oriental	£15 nom.
Shanghai Cottons (old)	£54 buy.
Do. (new)	£28 buy.
Amusements	£11 buy.
Canton Ice	£7 nom.
Cement (combined)	£104 nom.
Do. (old)	£134 buy.
Do. (new)	£3 buy.
China Buses	£11.10 buy.
China Light (combined)	£211 buy.
Do. (old)	£15 buy.
Do. (new)	£12 sel.
China Provident	£38 sel.
Constructions	£30 nom.
Dairy Farms	£40 nom.
Dur A Wing (S.P.)	£10 nom.
Hongkong Electric	£92 x div. buy.
Macao Electric	£40 nom.
H.K. Developments	£25 cts. nom.
H.K. Ropes (combined)	£30 sel.
Do. (old)	£11 sel.
Do. (new)	£34 nom.
Hongkong Telephone	£3 buy.
Hongkong Tramways	£25.10 sel.
Lane Crawfords	£104 buy.
Mackintosh	£211 nom.
Peak Trans (old)	£7 buy.
Sincere	£11 sel.
Taxis	£4 sel.
United Asbestos	£20 nom.
Watsons (old)	£11 sel.
Do. (new)	£11 sel.
Wm. Powell	£10 nom.
buy—buyers; sel—sellers; sa—sales; nom.—nominal.	

COMPANY REPORT.

SHANGHAI LAND INVESTMENT
CO., LTD.

DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR PAST
YEAR.

The report of the directors of the
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Ltd.,
shows that Profit and Loss Account has
been credited with Tls. 104,732.00 profit
on sales of land and shows a credit
balance of Tls. 891,719.42 which the
directors recommend for appropriation as
follows:—

To pay a final dividend of 5 per cent. on (117,000 shares)	13,500.00
To pay a bonus of 4 per cent. (Tls. 5 per share on 117,000 shares)	234,000.00
To carry forward to new ac- count	95,719.42
	Tls. 881,719.42

The paid-up capital of the company
has been increased to Tls. 5,850,000.00 by
the creation of 39,000 additional ordinary
shares of Tls. 50.00 each.
The book cost of estates is Tls.
12,745,378.05 an increase of Tls. 921,385.55
over 1924.
Mortgage loans amount to Tls.
1,295,060.71 as compared with Tls.
935,720.43 for 1924.

EXCHANGE RATES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE]

Rue de la Paix, March 12th.	
To-day's exchange rates are as follow:	
Paris	133.20
Brussels	107.05
Amsterdam	12.131
Berlin	20.42
Copenhagen	18.52
Vienna	31.50
Helsingfors	193
Lisbon	21
Buenos Aires	44
Shanghai	34
Yokohama	1/101
New York	4.861/16
Geneva	25.25
Milan	121
Stockholm	32.38
Oslo	22.38
Prague	184
Madrid	24.48
Rio	73
Bombay	1/64
Hongkong	2/32
Silver (spot)	30.5/19
Silver (forward)	30.7/18

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ABOUT THE MASKED BALL.

A REPLY TO SOME CRITICISMS.

The idea of this Masked Ball has been
long enough before the Public now for
the promoters to gather a good idea of
general feeling on the matter.

First of all it may be said that the
differing and varied criticisms give a
very interesting insight into the complex
psychology of Hongkong. There do not
seem to be, so much, various shades of
opinion in the different questions in-
volved, as flatly opposing opinions.

A COMPROMISE.

One school of critics say that \$10 per
double ticket is too high, and another
that it is too low. It is impossible to
please both schools, but a compromise
has been made which it is hoped, will
dispose of some objections on both sides.
It has now been decided to include the
Supper with the ticket, without any extra
charge.

The original reason for the extra
charge was that it was doubtful whether
sufficient support would be forthcoming
to cover all expenses and the promoters
did not relish the prospect of having to
put their hands too deeply in their
pockets to make up the deficiency. Now
that there is every prospect of the ex-
penses being covered by the sale of
tickets, the extra charge for the supper
will be abolished.

Another complaint that has been heard
—founded on what, it is impossible to
say—was that prices of refreshments
would be exorbitant. So far from this
being the case, it will be found that
prices have been fixed at a level not pre-
viously seen at a public ball.

Now for another objection that is
equally founded on a false assumption.
MAKING NOT COMPULSORY.

The whole idea of the Masked Ball is
that those who find an added enjoy-
ment in dancing from donning a Fancy
Dress and wearing a mask, should be
given the opportunity of doing so. It
is intended for the purpose of helping
to dispel the stiffness so prevalent at
dances in Hongkong.

It is however, not intended that mask-
ing should be a necessary condition of
obtaining entry to the Ball. It can not be
emphasized too often that the only ob-
(Continued on next Column.)

TRAVELLERS' VISAS.

A NECESSITY IN CHINA.

The necessity for travellers entering
China by any overland route, or by any
port, other than a treaty port, possessing
visas to their passports is emphasised in
the current issue of the *Government
Gazette*, which contains the following
notice:—

Travellers entering China by any over-
land route or by any port, other than a
treaty port, are required by Chinese re-
gulations to hold passports which have
been issued by a Chinese Diplomatic or
Consular officer, and it is understood that
these regulations will be strictly applied
in the future.

Cases have occurred recently in which
British travellers have arrived at Man-
chou, the frontier station on the Trans-
Siberian Railway, without Chinese visas.
British subjects applying for passport
facilities for China, should declare their
intention of proceeding by an overland
route, and obtain a Chinese visa before
departure. Should they fail to do so they
are liable to encounter serious difficulties.

Travellers who proceed to China via
Siberia, and Kwangtung-leased territory
(Dairen) must also obtain a Japanese
transit visa or, if staying in Dairen en
route, and ordinary Japanese visa.

ject of this Ball is to provide those fond
of Dancing with the opportunity of doing
so, under the best-possible conditions.
That is being so, it is obviously open to
all and everyone to make their arrange-
ments to suit their own ideas. Those who
like to make up their own parties and
come in conventional attire, can get as
much enjoyment out of the excellent
music, which is the chief feature of the
Ball, as those who choose to appear, a
doux Masked.

Chacun a son gout is the maxim to
follow.
It is strange that so little interest has
been shown by purchasers of tickets in
the competition for selecting the favo-
rite dance music. If a considerably
larger number of coupons are not sent
in during the next day or so, it will be
necessary to cancel the competition and
to draw up a programme of dances which
the two bands consider are the most
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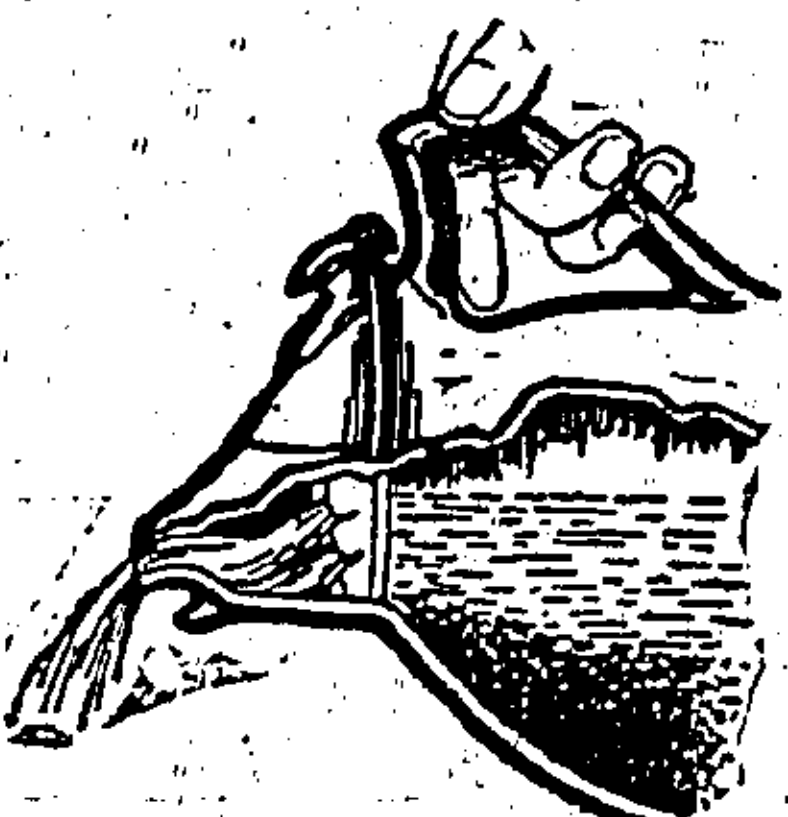
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INVESTITURE HELD BY PRINCE GEORGE.

CEREMONY AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

THE PRINCE'S FIRST OFFICIAL FUNCTION IN HONGKONG.

H.R.H. Prince George, K.G., G.C.V.O., acting on behalf of His Majesty the King, held an Investiture at Government House on Saturday morning investing H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.), the Hon. Sir Shou Son Chow, K.B., the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G., and Mr. George Duncan, M.B.E., with the insignia of the honours recently conferred on them.

His Royal Highness also invested two officers of the 3rd Bn. 2nd Punjab Regiment, with the Order of British India, and Mr. George White with the Albert Medal for gallantry.

His Royal Highness drove to Government House along a route lined with naval units and soldiers. The naval units, selected from every warship in the harbour, lined each side of the road from the Prince of Wales' Gate, Naval Yard, to the Volunteer Headquarters in Garden Road, whence the line on each side was continued by soldiers from the 1st Bn. The East Surrey Regiment up to Government House.

The Royal Guard of Honour was furnished by the Scottish Company of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, and was under the command of Lieut. D. C. Logan, M.C., who is the acting Officer Commanding the Company.

This is the first time in the history of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps that it has been asked to supply a Royal Guard. The company honoured by selection to provide it paraded on the Hongkong Cricket Club Ground at ten o'clock, and headed by their pipers and drums they marched to Government House, presenting a very smart and striking appearance in their kilts.

Despite the inclemency of the weather, crowds turned out to witness the Prince drive in a motor-car to Government House.

His Royal Highness was preceded by Vice-Admiral Sir Edwyn Alexander Sinclair and Commodore A. J. B. Stirling, who left the Prince of Wales' Gate a quarter of an hour before the open car in which His Royal Highness and his A.D.C. motored to Government House.

His Royal Highness, who wore naval uniform, acknowledged the "present arms" by the naval units and soldiers as his car passed between them and proceeded up Garden Road to Government House.

Arriving at Government House at 11 a.m., His Royal Highness was met by H.E. the Governor, Major-General C. C. Luard, C.M.G., C.B. (G.O.C. the Forces in China), and Vice-Admiral Sir Edwyn Alexander Sinclair. He was received with the Royal Salute, and the band of the 1st East Surrey Regiment played the National Anthem. His Royal Highness inspected the Guard of Honour, which were drawn up on the lawn at the front entrance to Government House, before entering for the purpose of performing the investiture in the Ball Room.

The Band of H.M.S. *Hawkins* (flagship of the China Station) was in attendance in the Ball Room and played selections while the guests assembled.

The A.D.C.'s on duty for the purpose of showing guests to their seats were Captain Dowbiggin, Captain Swinton, Mr. Whyte and Mr. Forster (the latter named being Private Secretary to H.E. the Governor). Captain Steele (A.D.C. to H.E. the Governor) superintended the assembling in the Drawing Room of those who were to take their places on the dais in the Ball Room.

THE PROCESSION.

The procession was formed in the Drawing Room as under—

Captain Johnston, A.D.C.
Hon. Dr. Addison and Hon. Dr. Kote-
wall.
Hon. Mr. Bird and Hon. Mr. Lang.
Hon. Mr. Wolfe and Mr. Hornell.
His Honour Mr. Justice Wood and Hon. Mr. Holyoak.
Hon. Mr. Creasy and Hon. Mr. Messer.
Rev. the Bishop of Victoria and Rt. Rev. Father Spada.
The Commodore and His Honour Sir H. Gollan.
Lieut. Halsey, H.R.H. Prince George, H.E. the Commander-in-Chief.
Lieut. Dangerfield and Lieut. Churcher.
The procession entered the Ball Room and advanced to the dais, and when His Royal Highness reached his place on the dais the band played "God Save The King."

THE ROYAL WARRANTS.

With all seated, save those in attendance on His Royal Highness on the dais, the Chief Justice read the warrants authorising H.R.H. Prince George to perform the investiture as follows:

GEORGE THE FIFTH, BY THE GRACE OF GOD OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND AND OF THE BRITISH DOMINIONS BEYOND THE SEAS, KING, Defender of the Faith, To Our Most dearly beloved Son His Royal Highness Prince George Edward Alexander Edmund, Knight of Our Most Noble Order of the Garter, Knight Grand Sub-Lieutenant in Our Royal Navy, Greeting: Know ye that We do by these Presents Direct and Empower you Our said Dear Son to Confer in Our name and upon Our behalf in as full and ample a manner as if the same had been conferred by Us in person the

title degree and honour of a KNIGHT BACHELOR of Our said United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland upon Our trusty and well beloved Cecil Clementi Esquire Companion of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Our Colony of Hongkong, whom We have signified Our intention of promoting to be a Knight Commander of Our said Most Distinguished Order and as under Special Warrant recently issued or to be issued under the Seal of Our said Most Distinguished Order you Our said Dear Son have been or may hereafter be empowered to invest with the insignia of the Second Class of such Order and also to confer in Our name and upon Our behalf the title degree and honour of a KNIGHT BACHELOR of Our said United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland upon Our trusty and well beloved Chow Shou Son Esquire, an official Member of the Legislative Council of Our said Colony, together with all rights, privileges and precedences appertaining to a Knight Bachelor of these Our realms in as full and ample a manner as if the same had been conferred by Us in person. In Witness Whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent. Witness Ourself at Westminster the thirtieth day of January in the sixteenth year of Our Reign.

By Warrant under the King's sign manual.

SCHUSTER.

Whereas for the Investiture of

Cecil Clementi, Esquire, C.M.G., as a Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George.

GEORGE THE FIFTH, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India, Sovereign and Chief of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, to Our Most Dearly Beloved Son, His Royal Highness George Edward Alexander Edmund, Knight of Our Most Noble Order of the Garter, Knight Grand Cross of Our Royal Victorian Order, Sub-Lieutenant in Our Royal Navy, Greeting.

Whereas We have been graciously pleased to nominate and appoint Our Trusty and Well-beloved Cecil Clementi, Esquire, Companion of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Our Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Our Colony of Hongkong, to be Knight Commander of Our said Most Distinguished Order.

And Whereas in consequence of the said Cecil Clementi not being in England, the Ceremony of Investing him with the insignia of a Knight Commander of Our said Most Distinguished Order cannot be personally performed by Us.

Know ye that We, of Our Princely Grace and Special Favour, do hereby Authorize and Require you, Our Most Dear Son, at such time and place as may appear to you most proper and expedient, to proceed in Our Name and on Our behalf, to confer the title, degree and honour of Knight Bachelor of Our United Kingdom upon him, the said Cecil Clementi and to invest him with the insignia of a Knight Commander of Our said Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George in the most distinguished manner, as directed in and by the Statutes of Our said Most Distinguished Order, wherein you are to take special care that nothing be omitted which may redound to the Honour, Splendour, and Dignity of Our said Most Distinguished Order, and which may at the same time evince Our Royal Regard for the said Cecil Clementi.

And for so doing this shall be your Warrant.

GIVEN at Our Court at Saint James's under Our Sign Manual and the Seal of Our said Most Distinguished Order this Thirtieth day of January, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-six in the Sixteenth Year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's COMMAND.

(Signed) J. S. AMERY.

By THE SOVEREIGN'S COMMAND.

(Signed) S. J. WILSON.

Acting Chancellor.

SIR CECIL CLEMENTI.

For the Investiture of Sir Cecil Clementi, a procession was formed as follows:—First, Captain C. H. Steele, A.D.C., bearing the insignia of K.C.M.G. on a crimson cushion; next, Sir Cecil Clementi with Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., on his left hand and General Luard, C.M.G., on his right hand. The party advanced to the dais, bowing three times during the advance. Sir Cecil then knelt before His Royal Highness, who touched him lightly on each shoulder with a sword.

The Bishop of Victoria then pronounced the following admonition:—

"Receive the ensigns of a Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George. They shall serve as evidence of your great merit, virtue, and loyalty, and of your reception into this most Distinguished Order, dedicated to virtue and loyalty. Avail yourself of the said Most Distinguished Order, to the Honour of God, to the service of His Majesty the King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the seas, and for the defence thereof."

This admonition having been read, His Royal Highness motioned Sir Cecil to rise and after placing the insignia upon him shook him by the hand. Sir Cecil, General Luard and Sir Paul Chater then took their stand on the dais. Captain Steele moved to the side of the front row of guests.

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SIR SHOU SON CHOW.

For the purpose of the investiture of Sir Shou Son Chow a procession was formed as follows:—First, went Captain Swinton holding the Letters Patent appointing Sir Shou Son Chow to be a Knight Bachelor; next, followed Sir Shou Son Chow with Sir Henry Pollock on his right and the Hon. Mr. Tratman, Secretary for Chinese Affairs, on his left hand. The party advanced to the dais bowing three times during the advance. Sir Shou Son Chow then knelt before His Royal Highness, who touched him lightly on each shoulder with a sword. His Royal Highness then motioned Sir Shou Son Chow to rise and shook him by the hand. Thereafter, Sir Shou Son Chow, Sir Henry Pollock and Mr. Tratman took their stand on the dais, while Captain Swinton moved to the side of the front row of guests.

MR. HALLIFAX.

For the purpose of the investiture of the Hon. Mr. Hallifax, a procession was formed as follows:—First, came Captain Dowbiggin bearing on a crimson cushion the insignia of C.M.G.; next, followed Mr. Hallifax with Col. Montague-Bates, C.M.G., on his right hand and Col. Stephen, C.M.G., on his left hand. The party advanced to the dais, bowing three times during the advance. Mr. Hallifax then stood before His Royal Highness, who placed upon him the insignia and shook him by the hand. Mr. Hallifax, Col. Montague-Bates and Col. Stephen then took their stand on the dais, while Captain Dowbiggin moved to the side of the front row of guests.

MR. DUNCAN.

For the purpose of the Investiture of Mr. Duncan, a procession was formed as follows:—First, came Lieut. Whyte bearing on a crimson cushion the insignia of M.B.E.; next, followed Mr. Duncan with the Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, C.B.E., on his right hand and Mr. F. C. Jenkin, C.B.E., on his left hand. The party advanced to the dais, bowing three times during the advance. Mr. Duncan then stood before His Royal Highness who placed the insignia upon him and shook him by the hand. Mr. Duncan, Mr. Kemp and Mr. Jenkin then took their stand on the dais, and Lieut. Whyte moved to the side of the front row of guests.

PUNJABI OFFICERS.

For the purpose of the Investiture of Subadar Major and Hon. Captain Fazal Khan Sirdar Bahadur of the 5th Bn. 2nd Punjab Regiment and Hon. A.D.C. to H.E. the Governor, a procession was formed as follows:—First, came Lieut. G. D. Insignia of the Order of British India (First Class), next and immediately behind Lieut. Upon followed Subadar Major, Fazal Khan with Colonel Coates on right and Subadar Major Pirran Ditta on his left. The party advanced to the dais bowing three times during the advance. Subadar Major Fazal Khan then stood before His Royal Highness who placed the insignia upon him and shook him by the hand. Col. Coates then took his place on the dais. Subadar Major Fazal Khan took up position on the right hand of the dais and Subadar Major Pirran Ditta on the left and of the dais while Lieut. Upon moved to the right side of the room near the dais and joined the other Aides-de-Camp.

ROYAL ALBERT MEDAL.

Mr. George White, supported by Lieut. Commander Hole, R.N., on his right hand carrying the Royal Albert Medal, advanced to the dais bowing three times during the advance. Mr. White then stood before His Royal Highness who placed the medal upon his breast and shook him by the hand. Mr. White and Lieut. Commander Hole then took their allotted places on the dais.

The Medal was conferred for the gallant conduct described in the following statement:—

On the morning of May 4th, 1925, the *Paul Beau* was proceeding from Hongkong to Canton when an explosion occurred in the starboard boiler. The two men on duty on the boilers at the time of the accident were Hau Foong and So Hau. Hau Foong was immediately overcome by the stream of boiling water and steam projected into the boiler room, and So Hau, perceiving this, immediately went to his assistance, and at the risk of his own life succeeded in dragging him clear of the scalding water into partial safety. He then made his way up on deck where he collapsed from the severe injuries he had received.

Meanwhile, Mr. White, the Second Engineer, observing a thick cloud of steam rising from the engine and boiler rooms and suspecting what had happened, wrapped his face in wet towelling and made his way through the steam along

the top of the boilers and shut off the valves connecting the boilers to the engines and the valve connecting the two boilers. But for Mr. White's prompt and gallant action there is no doubt that Hau Foong and the two men on duty on the engines would have been suffocated by the escaping steam. Directly the steam began to clear, Mr. White, though badly scalded, took charge, effected the necessary repairs, raised steam again, and thus enabled the ship to be brought safely to the wharf at Canton.

So Hau is unfortunately absent in Canton and it has been found impossible to secure his attendance at the investiture.

THE PRINCE AT A CHINESE DINNER.

NOTABLE FUNCTION AT CHINESE MERCHANTS' CLUB.

The Hon. Sir Shou Son Chow and Lady Chow gave a dinner at the Chinese Merchants' Club in the evening in honour of His Royal Highness Prince George, H.E. Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G., and Lady Clementi.

The Club Rooms were decorated in charming style.

Captain Swinton, Captain Dowbiggin and Mr. B. Wong Tape (Secretary of the Chinese Merchants' Club) carried out the duties of masters of ceremonies, effecting the introductions, etc.

The dinner was of an informal character, there being no speeches, but the function proved most enjoyable to the 75 guests present.

During the evening a Chinese string band played selections. An incident of the evening was that His Royal Highness borrowed a Chinese violin from one of the players, but after attempting to play it, gave it up, smilingly remarking that it was "too difficult" for him.

The toast of His Majesty King George was submitted by the Hon. Sir Shou Son Chow during the course of the evening.

THE GUESTS.

The guests as they were paired were as under:—

H.R.H. Prince George and Lady Chow.
Sir Shou Son Chow and Lady Clementi.
H.E. the Governor and Mrs. Luard.
Vice-Admiral Sir E. A. Sinclair and Mrs. Duppuy.
Major-General C. C. Luard and Mrs. Creasy.
The Bishop and Lady Pollock.
Sir Henry Gollan and Mrs. Tratman.
Commodore A. J. B. Stirling and Mrs. J. R. Wood.
Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax and Mrs. Luan.
Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp and Mrs. Bird.
Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang and Mrs. McElderry.
Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer and Mrs. Kotewall.
Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy and Miss Stirling.
Col. Luard and Mrs. Addison.
Sir Paul Chater and Miss Holyoak.
Sir Henry Pollock and Lady Ho Tung.
Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak and Mrs. E. Luard.
His Honour J. R. Wood and Mrs. Liang Shih Yi.

Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe and Mrs. Ho Fook.
Mr. W. W. Hornell and Mrs. Ferguson.
Hon. Dr. B. H. Kotewall and Mrs. B. Wong Tape.
Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird and Mrs. Ho Fook.
Sir Robert Ho Tung and Mrs. S. W. Tso.

Also present were:—Mr. Liang Shih Yi, Mr. A. E. Wood, Dr. A. B. Addison, Col. Russell Brown, Mr. Ho Fook, Mr. C. G. Alabaster, Captain Lake, Dr. Lew Yuk Lin, Lt.-Col. F. Montague-Bates, Col. Hayley-Bell, Mr. S. B. E. McElderry, Mr. N. R. Shaw, Mr. G. M. Young, Mr. A. H. Ferguson, Paymaster-Commander Woodward, Mr. Duncan, Dr. S. W. Tso, Mr. Ho Kom Tong, Mr. Li Yau Tsun, Captain Dowbiggin, Lieut. Halsey, Captain Steele (A.D.C. to H.E. the Governor), Mr. Forster (Private Secretary to H.E. the Governor), Lieut. Dangerfield, Captain Johnston, Lieut. Churcher, Captain Swinton, Mr. B. Wong Tape, and Mr. Chow Chi Nam.

THE MENU.

The various courses were served in a different manner to the usual Chinese custom, that is they were served in little silver dishes to each person, instead of being placed on the table in one common dish, or bowl.

The menu was as under:—
Birds' Nest Soup.
Fried Carp.
Shark's Fin.
Prawn Omelette.
Stewed Turtle.
Grilled Chicken and Yunnan Ham.
Breast of Quail.
Rice Mlange.
Pine Mlange in Almond Cream.
Pastry.
Fruits.

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H. M. NAVAL YARD.
Hongkong, 11th March, 1926. [3212]

BULL TERRIER PUPS, Pure White. Born 14th February, 1926. Will be Ready for Delivery about 25th MARCH. Price—\$80.
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HONGKONG BOXING ASSOCIATION.

THEATRE ROYAL.

MARCH, 20TH, 1926, at 9.15 P.M.

SIXTH TOURNAMENT OF THE SEASON.

MAIN EVENT:

FIFTEEN ROUND CONTEST.
SPOKEN NAGELIN.
FRENCH CRUISER "JULIUS MICHELET,"
KID ALFRED, MANILA, P.I.
AND ABOUT FIVE OTHER CONTESTS.

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MEMBERS Only on THURSDAY, 18th INST.
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carrying His Majesty's Mail, will be despatched from this Port at 4 P.M. on THURSDAY, the 18th MARCH, 1926, taking Cargo for the above Ports.

Valuable Cargo for Italy, France and London (under arrangement) will be conveyed by this Steamer proceeding to Bombay and there transhipped to the on-carriage Steamer for Marseilles and London.

Parcels will be received at this Port until 5 P.M. on the Day previous to Sailing. The contents and value of all packages must be declared.

For further Particulars, Apply to—
MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 15th March, 1926. [3217]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.'S STEAMER "JEYPEORE."

ARRIVED HONGKONG ON 13th MARCH, 1926.

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at risk at the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each Consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and Delivery can be obtained as the Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo from Persian Gulf ex B.I.S. N. and B. & P.S.N. Co.'s Steamers.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless Instructions have been given to the contrary Six hours before arrival of the Steamer.

Goods not cleared within 8 days, including date of arrival will be subject to Sale.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees, and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. GORDON & DOUGLAS, at 10 A.M. on Mondays and Thursdays, within the Free Storage Period.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 2nd April, 1926, or they will not be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown.

MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 15th March, 1926. [3214]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

The Following is the Provisional List of Dates upon which EXTRA MEETINGS will be held this Season—
3rd APRIL, 1st MAY, 5th JUNE, 2nd OCTOBER and EARLY NOVEMBER.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
3294

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

It is Regretted that the State of the Race Course will not PERMIT of its Use for School Sports or Athletic Meetings.

R. J. PATTERSON,
Clerk of the Course.
3210

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

DURING MY ABSENCE from the Colony Mr. C. B. MOLLIS will take Temporary Charge of this COMPANY'S AGENCY until Further Notice.

R. BODENFURNE,
Agent.
Hongkong, 10th March, 1926. [3201]

INTIMATIONS

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LIMITED.

THE THIRTY SEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, 17th MARCH, 1926, at 11 o'clock in the Forenoon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1925, and declaring a Dividend.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 3rd MARCH, 1926, until WEDNESDAY, 17th MARCH, 1926, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
3228

HONGKONG ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.

NOTICE OF MEETING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FOURTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the HONGKONG ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held in the Office of Messrs. SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., St. George's Building, Chater Road, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 24th day of MARCH, 1926, at 11.00 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended on the 31st December, 1925, and of electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 15th to the 24th MARCH, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
S. COURTNEY COOK,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 9th March, 1926. [3296]

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the Underwriter on FRIDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1926, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended on the 31st December, 1925.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 15th to the 26th MARCH, 1926, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Managers,
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.,
Hongkong, 5th March, 1926. [3275]

NOTICE.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

CERTIFICATE No. 3461 for 25 Shares, £4 Per Share Paid Up, Numbered 48751/48775 in this Society standing in the Joint Names of HARRY CLABURN PEARCE and JOHN HERMANN TEESDALE, both of Shanghai, Has Been Declared LOST, and if at the Expiration of One Month from the Date hereof the above Document be not forthcoming the said Certificate will be deemed CANCELLED and of No Effect, and A NEW Certificate for the 25 Shares will be Issued in its stead by the Society.

PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.
Hongkong, 23rd February, 1926. [3238]

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DOUBLE ENDED FERRY STEAMERS "SOUTHERN STAR" and "NORTHERN STAR."

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INTIMATIONS

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.

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Situate at YAU MATI in the Dependency of Kowloon and Colony of Hongkong and Registered at the LAND OFFICE as KOWLOON INLAND LOT No. 835 (Site of No. 572, CANTON ROAD). Together with the Messuage or Tenement and other Erections and Buildings thereon in Course of Construction.

IN TWO LOTS

By Mr. E. V. M. R. DE SOUSA, Auctioneer,
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Messrs. GEO. K. HALL BRUTTON & CO.,
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Mr. E. V. M. R. DE SOUSA,
Auctioneer,
No. 4, DUNDRELL STREET.
Dated the 10th day of March, 1926. [3297]

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEES.

PUBLIC AUCTION

FOUR LOTS OF VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTIES.

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LOT No. 1

ALL THAT Piece or Parcel of Ground situate at TAI KOK TSUI in the Dependency of Kowloon and Colony of Hongkong and Registered at the LAND OFFICE as KOWLOON INLAND LOT No. 181, Together with the Messuages or Tenements and other Erections and Buildings thereon now known as Nos. 91 and 93, KREMER STREET.

LOT No. 2

ALL THOSE Pieces or Parcels of Ground situate at TAI KOK TSUI aforesaid and respectively Registered at the LAND OFFICE as SECTION A and SECTION B of the REMAINING PORTION of KOWLOON INLAND LOT No. 187, Together with the Messuages or Tenements and other Erections and Buildings thereon respectively now known as Nos. 115 and 117, KREMER STREET.

LOT No. 3

ALL THOSE Pieces or Parcels of Ground situate at FUK TSUN HEUNG in the Dependency of Kowloon and Colony of Hongkong and respectively Registered at the LAND OFFICE as SECTIONS A and B AND C of the REMAINING PORTION of KOWLOON INLAND LOT No. 1115, Together with the Messuages or Tenements and other Erections and Buildings thereon respectively now known as Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4, NEWCHWANG STREET.

LOT No. 4

ALL THAT Piece or Parcel of Ground situate at SHAMSHUIPO in the Dependency of Kowloon and Colony of Hongkong and Registered at the LAND OFFICE as SECTION A of a NEW KOWLOON INLAND LOT No. 1393, Together with the Messuage or Tenement and other Erections and Buildings thereon now known as No. 11, KI LUNG STREET.

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Auctioneer,
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Dated the 12th day of March, 1926. [3303]

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nothing more true than that verse in which, he said that Society was like a glass of ginger-pop, "the dregs are at the bottom and the froth is at the top." Mr. Koo seems to suggest that idea in his general surveys of world-affairs today; on the other hand, by his own presence (if we leave out of account his words which are by no means negligible) he makes us realise that the clock cannot be turned back in China. For all the chaos and confusion that exists in the eighteen provinces to-day one fact emerges so definitely that nobody can even question it. That fact is the thirst for knowledge in all classes of the community.

The generals and the politicians come and go with amazing rapidity in China, but the demand for instruction in Western ideas and theories continues and increases at a rate that is simply amazing. The houseboy in his leisure moments ponders over the Anglo-Chinese dictionary; the apprentice and the workman struggle to read books about their craft; a crowd quickly collects round any motor-car that has the machinery exposed; the school-boys and students are spell-bound by any stories about modern ideas, whether they be about communism or aeroplanes, sociology or wireless. "Old China hands" may sigh for the days of ignorance, but China is out to acquire Western knowledge and is doing so. It is still true that knowledge grows but wisdom lingers.

LEIBNITZ preached, in the eighteenth century, that we live in the best of all possible worlds and that it is improved, gradually, in all ways so as to be transformed into an earthly paradise. The darker aspects of human experience unfortunately provide incontestable facts that, at times, it is a wicked world, a grim world, and a disappointing world. The last ten years have made many agree with the pessimists. The strong-minded and the really sane, however, realise that, for all our cataclysmic experiences, life is well worth living as it is anyway interesting and always full of adventure and fine opportunities.

Europe has at last escaped the pessimism that swept over Asia like a wave after the appearance of the Buddha, and perhaps Asia is now experiencing a violent reaction, with hopes too high and beliefs in sudden remedies for human ills too fervid. For Young Asia, like Young Europe, is sanguine of a happier and better world. Mr. Koo has told us, as so many other preachers have told us, that the root of the trouble is inability to see the other fellow's point of view.

A few days ago we reprinted the address given by the late Dr. SUN when he visited the Hongkong University. We would welcome addresses on general topics of interest by prominent Chinese who have a good command of English. In Hongkong we all want to promote Anglo-Chinese friendship. We suggest that a small committee should be formed to arrange for the reception of eminent Chinese and others who pass through this Colony and who would give a public address, as did Mr. Koo, at the University on some non-religious and non-political subject of interest.

His Honour the Chief Justice has ordered the next Criminal Sessions to be held on Monday, March 22nd.

The 2nd Battalion, Duke of Wellington's Regiment, arrived at Singapore recently on the transport *Derbyshire*.

Capt. Hugh Fitzherbert Bloxham is to temporarily act as an Assistant Superintendent of Police, with effect from March 8th.

The *Jules Michelet*, the flagship of Admiral Basire, returned to Hongkong yesterday afternoon. The usual salutes were exchanged.

The Kennedy Town Hospital has been appointed to be a Government quarantine station for the purposes of the Vaccination Ordinance, 1922.

Three Chinese cases of enteric fever were notified to the Medical Officer of Health on the 12th inst. All occurred in the Victoria registration district.

The late Mr. James Tullock (95), of Devonshire Road, Aberdeen, merchant, formerly engaged in the China tea trade, left £10,737 (personal estate in Great Britain).

Capt. R. A. E. Neville, Royal Marines, who was aide-de-camp to Sir Edward Stubbs in Hongkong, has been appointed private secretary to the Governor of Ceylon.

The P. & O. s.s. *Assaye* has been accepted by the Government as a transport, and was to sail from Southampton on March 4th with naval and military ratings for the Far East.

A Chinese woman mendicant was knocked down by a motor-lorry on the Pokfulam Road, near Third Street, on Friday, and succumbed to her injuries on the way to hospital.

H.E. the Governor has

CABLE AND WIRELESS NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

GENEVA PROBLEMS.

"BIG FIVE" AND LEAGUE QUESTIONS.

GENEVA, March 12th.

During the whole morning attention was centred on the Beauvillage Hotel, where the Locarno signatories, now known as the "Big Five," were closeted in Sir Austen Chamberlain's room. A large crowd watched them arrive at 11.30 to attend the fateful meeting, which broke up at 2.30 p.m.

M. Briand and M. Vandervelde, on leaving, remarked: "There is no decision, but several suggestions have been made which we shall have to consider before the next meeting, the time of which has not yet been fixed."

OFFICIAL VERSION.

A communiqué has been issued saying that conversations have continued this morning. Various suggestions were made for a solution of the difficulty and the meeting was adjourned in order to afford time for reflection on these suggestions. There will be another meeting but the time has not yet been fixed. In addition to the "Big Five," Lord Cecil M. Paul Boncour and M. Loucheur were present.

SOME POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS.

PARIS, March 12th.

According to a *Havas* message from Geneva, the meeting of the "Big Five," which gave promise of ending in a deadlock, reached a tentative solution: firstly, that Germany immediately be granted entry into the League with a seat on the Council; secondly, that the creation of fresh permanent seats be referred to a Committee to investigate the whole question of the composition of the Council and report in September; and thirdly, that Poland be given a non-permanent seat on the Council forthwith. There is reason to think that the whole question of permanent seats will be reserved.

Havas further reports that for the first time the German to-day did not oppose the grant of a non-permanent seat to Poland but asked for time to consider the matter. It is stated that M. Udden, Sweden, does not oppose the immediate grant of a non-permanent seat to Poland provided that Germany consents.

RESTIVE REPRESENTATIVES.

LONDON, March 12th.

Reuter learns that well-informed circles in London consider the position at Geneva as regards Germany's admission to the League undoubtedly serious. Sir Austen Chamberlain, however, is continuing his efforts at mediation. British circles still feel that some solution of the impasse may yet be found.

M. Franco, the Brazilian Foreign Minister, has telegraphed his Government asking for fresh instructions, and it is hoped that these will enable him to modify his present *non-pokumus* attitude.

The situation is further complicated by the restiveness of the representatives of 43 nations assembled for the special Assembly to admit Germany. They have far been enforced to be idle and are naturally annoyed that the proceedings are held up and even compromised, by what are apparently intrigues on the part of certain members of the Council.

PROPOSALS REJECTED.

GENEVA, Later.

Dr. Luther, the German delegate to-night rejected the conciliatory proposals submitted in the morning with a view to settling the crisis over the seats on the Council.

LATER.

The electric state of the atmosphere is exemplified by the fact that Sir Austen Chamberlain has been receiving a constant succession of visitors, including Count Bethlen and Viscount Ishii. He also arranged to receive British journalists, but near the meeting time Dr. Luther, breathless, rushed through the hall of the Hotel and was closeted with Sir Austen Chamberlain for half-an-hour. Sir Austen cancelled the pressmen's reception, and left immediately accompanied by Lord Cecil, to see M. Briand.

EXTREME LIMIT.

M. Briand in announcing the German decision said that the rejected proposals represented the extreme limit of the Allies' concessions.

The German refusal to agree to granting a non-permanent seat on the Council to Poland, on which France is insisting has aroused considerable anxiety, and the outcome is most uncertain.

ANOTHER FLUTTER.

GENEVA, March 12th.

A suggestion to remove the seat of the League from Geneva to Lausanne, Locarno, or elsewhere, raised by Mr. MacWhite (Ireland) caused a flutter in the Committee dealing with the project for building new League offices and Assembly Hall. Mr. MacWhite complained that only limited privileges and immunities were at present accorded to League delegates.

The Swiss representatives, who were most concerned, gave assurances of Switzerland's willingness to meet the objections, grant facilities to acquire the present Secretariat building at an equitable price, and secure a site for a new building.

The Committee accepted these assurances, and decided to erect new buildings in Geneva.

[THROUGH HAVAS AGENCY.]

GENEVA, March 12th.

Havas Geneva correspondent says that for the first time the Germans to-day did not oppose the grant of a non-permanent seat to Poland, but asked for time to consider the matter.

The correspondent states that M. Udden (Sweden) will not oppose the immediate grant of a non-permanent seat to Poland provided that Germany consents.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, March 12th.

If a breakdown occurs at Geneva, the Germans alone are responsible, is the unanimous opinion of the newspapers which point out that the Allies have gone to the extreme limit in the way of concessions.

Le Journal's Geneva correspondent complains that the Germans have not shown signs of genuine goodwill.

GERMANY'S ENTRY.

The *Echo de Paris* correspondent thinks that the curtain is far from being rung down at Geneva and that there is even ground for fear of the result of the previous agreement between France and the other Powers. The League Council may automatically be compelled by virtue of the agenda for the Session to declare itself in favour of the admission of Germany.

A correspondent suggests that France won't oppose Germany's entry and face Locarno and the risk of incurring the reproaches of the whole Anglo-Saxon race, and mentions that the Italian delegate yesterday stated that Mussolini had instructed him to vote for Germany. He concludes by suggesting that "France will be dragged along the same path."

GERMANY SCOLDING.

The *Petit Parisien*'s correspondent scolds Germany for "bargaining over the admission of Poland" and adds that the attempts of the Japanese delegate to induce Herr Luther and Herr Stresemann to agree to a compromise yesterday night have apparently been unsuccessful.

Le Matin's correspondent asserts that Mr. Udden, representing Sweden, has agreed to withdraw his veto and that it is even proposed that Sweden withdraw from the Council in favour of Poland.

"DAILY MAIL" VIEW.

The French standpoint at Geneva is stoutly championed by the *Daily Mail* in condemning Francophobia as the fashion of some of our mandarins, mugs, humpbacks and defeatists who seek to place every enemy on a pedestal and every ally in the pillory.

The *Daily Mail* is "shocked that Locarnoism should be perverted into an anti-French crusade."

The Liberal organs are equally indignant from the opposite view point. The *Daily Chronicle*, discussing the "Geneva scandal," says that the full consequences of Sir Austen Chamberlain's "free hand" may be seen to-day, and adds that but for him the wrangle which so largely cancelled Locarno and darkens the future of the League itself would never have occurred. It concludes by referring to "one of the most shameful and futile gestures of British diplomacy since the days of Charles II."

The *Daily News* says that the past few days at Geneva have presented the world a ludicrous, humiliating and sinister spectacle. It would be a long time before the League would recover from the disaster of the initiative of M. Briand, aided and abetted by Sir Austen Chamberlain and their several satellites.

GERMAN'S VIEWPOINT.

BERLIN, March 12th.

The German standpoint at Geneva is explained semi-officially in a statement saying that after careful consideration the German delegates have decided that it is impossible for Germany in the matter of her entry into the League to depart from fundamental principles or give a binding undertaking regarding her future policy in the League, particularly in view of the efforts of some members.

GENEVA, March 12th.

"If we are elected we stay, otherwise we go," said the German delegates when they visited this morning by "Reuter" who found complete calm at German headquarters. The German delegates said it was not a question of their packing up and leaving Geneva. They were waiting for an answer to questions they had put and expected the Council to decide whether the promises made to Germany were to be carried out or not.

FOREIGN SECRETARY WORRIED.

LATER.

The chief delegates are weary and distressed and the atmosphere is charged with controversy and bitterness. The day dawned with unforeseeable developments in what is freely described as the "Geneva tragedy." The general feeling is that the next move must come from Germany. Meanwhile, the actual procedure rests in the hands of the President of the Assembly, Mr. Ishii. Sir Austen Chamberlain, looking pale and worn, was among the early arrivals at the Assembly which was in no wise full but all Dominion members were already seated when the session opened. There is nothing in the agenda with reference to the crisis but the matter may be brought up somehow.

A PERPLEXING SITUATION.

LATER.

The situation is most perplexing. The suggestion of the "Big Five" was that besides granting a permanent seat on the Council to Germany an additional non-permanent seat should be created which it is understood is intended for Poland although this is not expressly stated. Some quarters are inclined to blame the Germans for their "uncompromising attitude" although the Germans throughout have made it clear that they consider the enlargement of the Council should be referred to a special committee and that Germany herself can in no wise bind herself before she is granted a seat and voice on the Council.

FORMAL PROCEEDINGS.

LATER.

This morning's sitting of the Assembly was of the briefest. The President paid a tribute to the memory of Leon Bourgeois, whereafter the Assembly adopted the report of the Committee of Supply. Estimates on the erection of a conference hall annex to the Secretariat, involving an expenditure of 13,000,000 Swiss francs. The proceedings were most formal.

EFFORTS TO REACH SOLUTION.

LATER.

An informal three-hour meeting of the members of the Council was adjourned. Tomorrow's meeting of the Assembly is for the purpose of voting the entry of Germany into the League.

Mr. Vandervelde, leaving the Council, declared he was making a fresh effort to-morrow to reach a solution, as it would be humiliating for all to return home (of the work of Locarno was endangered, and added should no solution be reached before the 18th inst., they at any rate, would explain the position to the Assembly and learn the latter's opinion.

A TRAGEDY.

LATER.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, interviewed by Reuter, said although he was more hopeful yesterday of a satisfactory settlement of the Council membership problem as a result of Mr. Vandervelde's passionate appeal, M. Briand's contradictory attitude and his own efforts to go one better, he now felt that Herr Luther's rejection of their proposals made all efforts to continue conversations useless. He described the outcome of the efforts as a tragedy, and added as to the future, the whole affair was in the hands of the League Council and it was impossible to say what the reaction of the latest events would be.

DOMINIONS AND ENLARGEMENT.

LATER.

A feature of Sir Austen Chamberlain's activities has been continuous close contact with the Dominion representatives, to whom he assiduously reported the developments, notably following last night's dramatic pronouncement of Herr Luther when the Dominion representatives were hastily summoned and conferred with the Foreign Secretary at midnight.

Reuter learns that the Dominion representative do not view with favour the expansion of the Council and are apprehensive regarding the prestige of the League if matters are allowed to drift, but are not inclined to take a tragic view at the present.

TOPIC OF EUROPEAN DISCUSSION.

LONDON, March 12th.

The imbroglio at Geneva continues to be the predominant topic of European discussion, and the latest reported development made by the *Observer*'s diplomatic correspondent is that Spain and Brazil have withdrawn their claims for permanent seats on the Council of the League and decided to vote Germany's permanent seat unconditionally.

In his opinion this makes it likely that the Polish claim will have to be dropped. The most interesting news from Paris states some of the papers are expressing surprise at the new revelation made by M. Briand in the course of addressing French journalists that the allies recently promised that Germany would be eventually allocated a Colonial mandate.

Well-informed quarters in London refuse to take an entirely pessimistic view of the general situation. These circles point out, the situation does not affect the signature of the Locarno Treaties, but that these do not operate until Germany is admitted.

PRESS VIEWS.

GENEVA, March 12th.

The latest from Geneva, says an article by Herr Stresemann in the journal *Deutsche* on the crises has favourably impressed League circles. He declares Germany has now made the entry of Poland to the Council a question of principle. Germany is ready after admission to the League to get pending questions solved at the September Session.

Germany will be ready to abide by the Assembly majority decision as to who shall enter the Council as a non-permanent member, and he suggests a special committee of members of the Council Assembly might draw up a report on the matter for submission to the Council.

LONDON, March 12th.

The Sunday press comment is outspoken. The *Observer* says the whole episode has made a disgusting impression on British public opinion. The great work of peace accomplished at Locarno, outside the League has been nearly destroyed, inside. On those terms it would be safer for peace and the British Empire to preserve the good results achieved out to preserve the League. The Government ought give its warning in that sense and put its foot down. An attempt before Germany's admission to change or tamper with the fundamental principle of the League's constitution, that permanent seats of the Council should be reserved to greater nations, is no act of good faith in the plain ordinary sense.

The *Sunday Times* asserts there would have been none of this ferment if Britain had not firmly and promptly on the first signs of it. We are to blame for not making it plain to everybody that we regarded Germany's sole admission to the Council as a point of international honour, and, secondly, it was our policy to reserve permanent seats on the Council for great powers.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

COBHAM'S FLIGHT.

HIS TRIP ACROSS THE MEDITERRANEAN.

RUSSIA, March 12th.

Mr. Alan Cobham, in a message to the *Evening News*, gives an account of his exciting flight from Sollum, in Egypt, to Athens, which is a distance, as the crow flies, of 180 miles. The flight over the Mediterranean from Athens to Sollum has been done many times, but in the opposite direction it has not been accomplished before. Cobham's time for the flight was five hours and ten minutes. Cobham has pointed out that the prevailing wind is always northerly.

He says: "Elliot, the engineer, stripped the aeroplane of all extra weight and, Emmott, the cinema-tographer, sent back his camera and gear as this we could take no more than four gallons of spirit, to empty into the main tanks during the flight. The load was terrific, but we took off well. Visibility was bad and we had to depend on our compass. Four after hour we continued with no sight of land. In the middle of the Mediterranean we passed over a ship which gave us confidence as all ships had been broadcast in case of misadventure. We had been flying three hours through showers and had visibility and thought that Crete ought to be in sight. But another half-hour passed and still no land. I headed more north and we were all getting a little worried when I dimly sighted a shadowy rocky coast, which was later located as the island of Cythera and I soon found the mainland of Greece. We had passed close to without seeing it. As we cornered Cape Malen, I got into violent down currents caused by the gale dashing over the mountains. The machine was violently thrown about, and I flew out to sea away from the mountains and landed at Athens in 'sunshine'."

Flying via Pisa and Lyons, Cobham expects to reach Croydon aerodrome during the week-end. Representatives of the Air Ministry and aero-nautical bodies will await him to congratulate him on the accomplishment of his memorable journey to Cape Town and back.

An interesting fact is that the Union Castle liner, *Windsor Castle*, left Cape Town at the same time as Cobham and is due at Southampton early on Monday. Cobham has expressed the hope that he will reach England first.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 12th.

Huge crowds at Croydon lustily cheered the appearance in the sunny sky of a little fleet of aeroplanes at 4.15 this afternoon heading to the Aerodrome from the South. They were the planes which earlier set out to escort Alan Cobham home in the final stage of the 16,000 mile return from Cape Town, a flight in which he is surveying a possible African air route.

Mrs. Cobham, who was aboard one of the welcoming planes, affectionately greeted her husband on his landing at Croydon. Notwithstanding delay, due to bad weather and sandstorms in various parts of the route, the airman beat the mail steamer *Windsor Castle*, which left Cape Town the same day as Cobham. The steamer does not arrive before the 15th.

COBHAM AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE.

LATER.

Mr. Alan Cobham, accompanied by his wife, went to Buckingham Palace to deliver a message from the Earl of Athlone, Governor-General of South Africa.

His Majesty, held a long conversation, congratulated him, and expressed the opinion that this pioneer flight would probably find imitators in the future.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

COAL COMMISSION.

CONCLUSIONS OF THE MINERS' FEDERATION.

RUSSIA, March 12th.

A fully attended conference of Miners' Delegates was held to-day to discuss the report of the Coal Commission.

The Executive of the Miners' Federation submitted to the Conference the conclusions which it had reached after an examination of the findings of the Commission. These conclusions were discussed, and it is understood that it was decided to refer certain questions to the coal districts for their comments. Another Conference of Delegates is to be held to consider the points of view so obtained.

Mr. Herbert Smith, who presided at to-day's Conference, referred to the visit of himself and some of his colleagues to the Premier. There was a general agreement among the Delegates that the appeal of the Prime Minister that nothing should be said hastily or individually on the Coal Commission's Report until it had been well considered by all parties should be observed. The main point which engaged the attention of the Conference, it is understood, was the suggestion of the Coal Commission that the 33 1/3 per cent. advance on the standard rates of wages, which was granted in 1925, shall be revised downwards. Though strong opposition was shown to this, it was plan that there are many recommendations by the Coal Commission, with which the miners' leaders are not disposed to quarrel.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

FRANCO'S GIFT.

AEROPLANE GIVEN TO ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.

BUENOS AIRES, March 12th.

There has been a memorable function here to-day. Senior Franco the aviator, handing over his aeroplane to the Argentine Government. Franco's mechanic takes back a purse of \$40,000 raised by Spaniards in Buenos Aires.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE NORTHERN WAR.

JAPANESE DESTROYERS FIRED ON.

JAPAN'S NOTE TO THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT.

PEKING, March 12th.

A Japanese note delivered to the Wai-chiaoou this afternoon says that having regard to the recent situation near Taku, the Japanese Government despatched four destroyers to Tangku, by way of precaution to safeguard the free passage of vessels going in and out of the river.

Two of four destroyers, the *Fuji* and the *Suzuki* were ordered to proceed up river on this mission, on the afternoon of the 12th.

Upon information of the entry into Tangku of these destroyers, the Japanese Consul-General at Tientsin lost no time in demanding that General Lu Chung Lin should issue to local Chinese military the necessary instructions to avoid any misunderstandings.

All the necessary arrangements had also been made between a member of the Japanese Consul-General previously despatched to the spot and the Taku forts authorities as to the entry of the aforementioned destroyers.

Moreover these vessels were preceded by a steam-launch with a Chinese officer from the forts on board, and flying their own flag, and the "C" flag as previously arranged. They proceeded up river with the utmost caution.

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[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

DUTCH "HERETIC."

DR. GELKERKEN AND THE REFORMED CHURCH.

AMSTERDAM, March 12th.

According to the *Nieuwe Rotterdamse Courant*, Dr. Gelkerken sent a second telegram to the Synod asking it to cancel his earlier telegram. He has urgently requested a personal discussion to which the Synod has agreed.

[A cable of January 28th reported: There was a dramatic incident at a meeting of the committee to consider the competence of the General Synod of the Dutch Reformed Church to decide whether the well-known Amsterdam clergyman, Dr. J. C. Gelkerken, had rightly or wrongly declared "a suspect" owing to alleged "unorthodox" views in regard to certain narratives in the Old Testament—especially whether the serpent actually spoke to Eve in the Garden of Eden. Discussions in committee were most heated; and the speakers indulged in personalities. When the excitement was at its height, the Chairman, Dr. Demoor, suddenly collapsed and died almost immediately, apparently from apoplexy.]

LATER.

The literal interpretation of the second and third chapters of Genesis is unjust, complains Doctor Gelkerken replying to the Synod's ultimatum that he sign a belief, *inter alia*, that the conversation between Eve and the serpent really happened. Dr. Gelkerken points out that such an interpretation makes the authority of Holy Writ subject to the decision of a Church meeting and he asks the Synod to arrange for a full discussion of the questions arising from "a reformed interpretation of Holy Writ."

SYNOD STANDS FIRM.

LATER.

The Synod has declined to accept Dr. Gelkerken's reservations, and has demanded his immediate and unconditional signature. Dr. Gelkerken has reiterated his impossibility of subscribing to a decision which excludes legitimate freedom of judgment. The Synod is now considering depriving Dr. Gelkerken of his Pastorate.

After sitting till the early hours the Synod decided to suspend Dr. Gelkerken for three months.

LATER.

Students gave a great ovation to Dr. Gelkerken outside his house at midnight. There is great tension in Amsterdam. Groups of members of Dr. Gelkerken's Church indignantly discuss the three months' suspension passed by the Synod.

HOME HARRIERS.

RESULT OF NATIONAL CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP.

WOLVERTON, March 12th.

The National Cross-Country Championship was won by the Birchfield Harrier, J. Webster, whose time was 48 minutes, 49 secs. The course was over ten miles.

UNIVERSITY ROWING.

OXFORD CREW'S FINE FULL-COURSE TRIAL.

LONDON, March 12th.

The Oxford crew's full-course trial from Mortlake to Putney in ideal conditions, was done in 18/57; only thirty seconds worse than the record time made by Oxford in 1897.

Putney, March 12th.

The Cambridge crew held their first full-course trial, which was satisfactory considering the conditions.

When they were under the forts, however, and the Chinese officer had landed from the launch to report to the authorities of the forts, all of a sudden a volley of shots was fired by Chinese soldiers near the forts.

In sheer necessity for self protection, the Japanese destroyers had only to answer the fire and retire toward Tangku. As a result of this firing Lieutenant Tuji was severely wounded and Commander Katsuki, commanding the destroyer *Shitaka* and Warrant Officer Hattori were slightly wounded.

The above incident caused serious consequences and is specially regretted in view of the friendly relations existing between Japan and China.

The Japanese Minister, while reserving for a later opportunity, his proposals to the Chinese Government in respect of a settlement of this unfortunate occurrence demands that the Chinese Government meantime instruct the local Chinese military officials to do all they can to avoid a repetition of such regrettable occurrences and take immediate, definite and most effective steps for that purpose.

OFFICIAL VIEWS IN TOKYO.

TOKYO, March 12th.

Commenting on the firing on Japanese destroyers, a Foreign Office spokesman said that the matter was regarded seriously but the Government was awaiting further details before deciding what action should be taken.

He indicated that nothing but a vigorous protest was likely as he thinks the firing was probably due to a misunderstanding, though he feared a repetition of similar episodes against foreign ships generally, as the Kuomintang troops were undisciplined.

A "SERIOUS" INCIDENT.

LATER.

The incident is considered most serious. Baron Shidehara and Mr. Takarabe are consulting.

Some decision by the Cabinet is expected, probably on Monday. The Foreign Office has stated that it does not expect to retaliate but will demand absolute assurance of a non-recurrence of such incidents in future.

It is said that the principal fears are for the anger of the Japanese public, but the attitude of the people is believed to be much different from that of a decade ago when such an incident would have aroused terrific indignation.

One destroyer has proceeded to Port Arthur with the wounded. Others are anchored at Taku awaiting instructions.

The Government is awaiting suggestions from the Allied consular meetings at Tientsin. It is stated that Japan may act independently, but it is hoped that the Powers will agree to some method for future protection.

The matter of the punishment of the attackers and indemnities are to be considered by Japan later.

POSITION UNCHANGED.

PEKING, March 12th.

The situation remains the same at Taku where four Japanese destroyers arrived yesterday afternoon. Steamers are continuing to go in and out of the river.

INTERFERENCE TO STOP.

TIENSIN, March 12th.

In connection with the blockade of Tientsin, a conference aboard H.M.S. *Foxglove* between the British, American, French and Italian naval commanders decided to require the commanders of Chang Tso Lin's fleet and Taku forts to afford a complete cessation of military interference by the 15th inst.

No Japanese attended the conference owing to the absence of Japanese warships.

AN "ABSURD" REPORT.

TIENSIN, March 12th.

According to a statement made by the Diplomatic representative of the Kuomintang here, a Japanese destroyer fired on the Forts first, after which the Forts replied.

This is flatly denied by the Japanese Consuls who characterise the report as absurd.

LU CHUNG LIN'S VIEWS.

LATER.

Kuomintang Headquarters to-day gave out the text of the telegram from Lu Chung Lin in which he expresses his views on recent peace proposals at Peking. He concedes the feasibility of surrendering Jehol to Fengtien, but scolds the suggestion that Chihli should also be surrendered, pointing out that for the second time great sacrifices are being made by the Kuomintang to preserve the integrity of the province and furthermore it is really a matter for Sun Yuet-shan to decide.

On the general question of rapprochement with Mukden, Lu suggests that Fengtien is weakened considerably by the loss of Kiao Tung Lin and Chang Tung Hsuan and also by the defeat of Li Ching Lin and Chang Tsung Chang which he claims is now complete.

If, therefore, the Kuomintang adopts a strong attitude he considers it will be easier to come to terms with Fengtien than if weakness is shown.

There is no reason, he declares finally, why they should sue for peace, when the Kuomintang is steadily gaining ground. For himself, he swears to fight to the last.

JAPANESE DIET UPROAR.

PROROGATION NOW UNLIKELY.

TOKYO, March 12th.

After a long discussion on Thursday's uproar in the Diet all parties decided to regard the matter as closed and met in open session this afternoon. This resulted in a settlement and prorogation is now considered unlikely.

TRAIN SMASH IN JAPAN.

TOKYO, March 12th.

This morning a passenger train collided with a goods train near Hiroshima resulting in serious injuries to nine people.

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CABLES

[REUTERS' AMERICAN SERVICE.]

"WETS" AND "DRYS."

THE PROHIBITION WAR IN AMERICA.

New York, March 14th.

The unprecedentedly spirited fight between the "wets" and "drys" has come to a head with the announcement that the "wets" have hitherto secured a 10 to 1 majority in the so-called newspaper "straw vote" on whether the Volstead Law will stand or be amended to permit the sale of light wines and beer.

The "drys" assert they warned their supporters not to participate in the ballot. Nevertheless, they have requested an audience with President Coolidge, and urge vigorous maintenance of the law.

Senate representatives every day listen to disputations in the Judiciary Committee. The Senate has considered several measures aiming at modification, and several Senators have threatened, if the measures are pigeonholed, they will raise the question on the floor of the Senate.

The South Carolina Senator, Mr. Blewett, speaking at a Policemen's Banquet, said that Washington was notoriously wet, especially the Capital. "The trouble is the Congressmen vote dry, and think wet."

THE CATHART CASE.

IMMIGRATION COMMISSIONER RESIGNS AS A SEQUEL.

New York, March 14th.

The Immigration Commissioner Mr. Henry F. Curran who came into prominence in connection with the Countess of Cathcart case has resigned.

The Countess of Cathcart was barred from entering the United States on the ground that having been divorced, she had been guilty of moral turpitude. This ruling was upset by the Courts, however, and she was allowed to enter the country.

COMMISSIONER'S SUCCESSOR.

New York, March 14th.

Mr. Benjamin Day, succeeds the Immigration Commissioner Mr. Curran.

"COLOURED EARTH."

LARGE SEIZURE OF CHAMPAGNE IN AMERICA.

New York, March 14th.

A daring attempt to smuggle liquor was revealed to-day when Customs officials announced the seizure of champagne, to a value exceeding \$800,000, on a bootlegger's basis, aboard two well-known American liners engaged in the round the world tourist traffic.

The champagne, which totalled over 200 cases, was in 200 barrels, marked "Coloured Earth."

The discovery of the contents was made accidentally when one barrel fell on the floor and broke open.

The others were immediately opened and each was found to contain two cases of liquor secreted under layers of earth. Customs officers then awaited the arrival of the other steamer which, unloaded about a hundred barrels similarly marked.

Feeling is running high over the ethics of General Smalley Butler's action in ordering the arrest of his host, Colonel Williams, at a dinner given to the General on taking command of the marines at San Diego for a breach of the prohibition laws.

A society event in his honour has been cancelled, and his action has resulted in doubling the "wet" votes in a newspaper poll on the "dry" laws.

CLOSING OF R.C. CHURCHES.

SERIOUS CONFLICT IN MEXICO.

New York, March 14th.

A message from Tepic, Nayarit, Mexico, says that an armed conflict ensued as a result of the Government's attempt to close a Roman Catholic Church, near Jalisco, in which three persons, representing the authorities, were killed and several people wounded, one seriously. It appears that the priest had not complied with the closing law and was standing his ground against Presidential orders with the backing of his flock. When Government representatives proceeded to carry out the official decree they encountered an infuriated mob of men, women and children.

AMERICAN "SUMMER TIME."

New York, March 14th.

Summer Time begins in New York on April 25th.

TENNIS IN FRANCE.

AMERICAN LADIES' SUCCESS IN CHAMPIONSHIPS.

New York, March 14th.

In the semi-finals of the South of France Championships, Miss Helen Wills beat the Hungarian Madame Peterie 6-2, 6-2, and the Bostonian Miss Isabelle Lee Mumford, hitherto unknown on the Riviera, beat the Englishwoman, Miss Eileen Bennett, 4-6, 6-3, 6-0, making an all American final.

LATER.

Miss Wills beat Miss Mumford in the final by 6-0, 6-1.

AMERICAN TENNIS.

PALM, March 12th.

Vincent Richards by defeating Harada, 4/6, 6/1, 6/1, 6/3, won the Palm Beach title.

C.P.R. S.S. "EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA."

TO BE RE-ENGINEED AND RE-BOILERED.

Great interest is evinced in shipbuilding circles in Great Britain as to the outcome of the tenders submitted by eight leading firms for the re-engineing and re-boiling of the Canadian Pacific liner *Empress of Australia*. This vessel—formerly the German-built *Tirpitz*, surrendered to Britain under the provisions of the Treaty of Versailles—is at present fitted with a machinery installation which comprises the Rottinger hydraulic reduction gear and a set of water-tube boilers, and it is the intention of the Canadian Pacific Company, it is stated, to have these replaced by single reduction geared turbines of 21,000 s.h.p., with 200 deg. superheat, and a range of 14 Scotch single-ended boilers. Under the existing arrangements neither the turbines nor the propellers have, we learn, been operating at economical speeds, and hence the decision of the owners to adopt measures which are undoubtedly of the heroic order. The tenders for this big job were delivered in London on February 1st and the outcome is being awaited with keen interest in marine engineering circles.

OBSERVATORY RETURNS.

TEMPERATURES AND RAINFALL FOR FEBRUARY.

The Royal Observatory returns for February show that the average mean temperature was 60, the highest being 74.4 on the 10th, and the lowest 48.8 on the 24th. There were 68.1 hours of sunshine and 2.40 inches of rain, whilst the average humidity was 82.

The rainfall for the month of February at the Botanical Gardens was 2.58 in on 11 days; at the Matilda Hospital, Mount Kellett, it was 2.40 in on 7 days, and at the Police Station, Taiipo, it was 1.82 in on 5 days.

The lowest reading of the barometer (M.S.L.) was 29.96 in. at 10h. on the 5th. The maximum squall velocity, as recorded by the Dines-Baxendell anemograph, was at the rate of 46 miles per hour at 10h. 30m. on the 16th.

A DOG BITE.

CHINESE BOY DIES IN HOSPITAL.

A Chinese boy, aged 14 years, died in the Government Civil Hospital on Friday from hydrophobia, as the result of being bitten in the hand by a stray dog in Des Vaux Road West on February 14th. The boy had only a slight wound in his hand, and his mother did not consider it serious.

Some time after, the dog, which was found to belong to Mr. A. J. C. Taylor, a Police accountant, was captured by the police, and was put in a cage in the Wai-chai district, where it subsequently died. As the animal was suspected to be afflicted with rabies the carcass was sent to the Government Bacteriologist.

HONGKONG AMUSEMENTS.

THIS WEEK'S ATTRACTIVE PROGRAMMES.

Another series of exceedingly attractive programmes, containing pictures that cannot fail to appeal to all tastes will be offered by the Hongkong Amusements throughout this week.

Yesterday at the Queen's Theatre the film version of the story by Zane Grey, "The Riders of the Purple Sage" was given. This picture dramatised the adventures and excitement, dealing as it does with the life of the Mormons in Utah, while it stars Tom Mix in the role of the hard-riding Lassiter. In addition to the picture programme last night, the symphony orchestra of H.M.S. *Hawkins* played a number of selections, which were, as usual, thoroughly enjoyed. "Riders of the Purple Sage" will be shown again to-day.

STAR THEATRE.

At the Star Theatre, Kowloon last night, Mlle. Xenia Makletsova, the famous ballerina of the Metropolitan Theatre, New York, and her partner M. D. Bines, gave another excellent display of classical dances, which were as much admired and enjoyed as on Saturday night. Mr. Harry Ore also appeared at the piano and Mr. Aquino, a local tenor of merit sang. There was a full house.

For to-morrow and Wednesday at the Star Theatre there will be shown "The Song of Life," a First National attraction.

The Royal Hawaiians, after a successful run at the Queen's Theatre, also appear at the Star Theatre to-morrow and Wednesday.

At the week-end there will be Mr. R. R. Salisbery's "Quaints" appearing in "No. No Nanette," the great success of the West end of London, and the famous racing story "The Sport of Kings."

INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY.

London, March 13th. In a hockey match at Abergavenny England defeated Wales by four goals to nil.

OBITUARY.

MR. LEOPOLD SCHEPP, MIL-LIONAIRE PHILANTHROPIST.

New York, March 13th. The death has occurred of the millionaire philanthropist and coconut importer Mr. Leopold Schepp, who started business at the age of ten, with a capital of eighteen cents.

MR. EDWARD SCRIPPS.

Mr. Edward Scripps, the founder of the Scripps-Howard chain of newspapers, has died on board his yacht *Liberia*.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

OLD BOYS RE-UNION DINNER.

A PLEASANT FUNCTION AT QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

A gathering of over two hundred former students and guests, the majority being old boys, assembled at Queen's College on Saturday night, the occasion being the sixth annual re-union dinner of the Queen's College Old Boys' Association.

The playground and steps leading to the entrance of the College were brilliantly illuminated with strings of coloured electric fairy lamps; while inside, in addition to the ordinary lighting scheme, there was a similar brilliant display of coloured lights suspended across the Hall of the College in which the dinner was held and around the balcony. At one end of the balcony, immediately opposite the Chairman's table, was hung the electrically illuminated letters "Q.C.O.B.A." and opposite these were five Chinese lanterns showing the same letters. In the centre of the Hall was suspended a huge Chinese lantern, which gave a finishing touch to the decorative scheme.

The tables were attractively laid and an excellent repast was served by the Hongkong Hotel.

During dinner, a string orchestra from H.M.S. *Hawkins* played a number of very enjoyable selections. An interesting incident was the ringing of the school bell to summon the guests to the repast, by Mr. R. J. Remedios, the oldest student, who left the College fifty years ago.

PRINCIPAL GUESTS.

The function was ably presided over by Mr. George Grimbley (President of the Q.C.O.B.A.) and others present included Mr. Lee Hy San (Vice-President of the Association), Mr. A. H. Crook (Headmaster of Queen's College and also a Vice-President of the Q.C.O.B.A.), Mr. R. J. Remedios, Mr. C. G. Anderson (Hon. Secretary of the Association), Colonel F. Trevelyan, Dr. C. C. Wang, Professor R. K. M. Simpson, Messrs. V. Kay, Lo Cheung Shiu, M. K. Lo, H. K. Leung, E. S. Carter, Wong Kwong Tin, Ho Wing, T. Oliphant, A. Brown, V. Jackson, S. M. Chum, M. H. Lo, Chow Ping, A. T. Hamilton, Lo Yung Tong, J. J. Edman, Fung Mai Sui, J. Balan, W. H. S. Lee, and J. C. Fletcher, S. Jex, C. Choa, Te Ching Fong, Edward Ho Tung and Ho Lu.

The toasts to "The King" and "The Republic of China" were submitted respectively by the President and Mr. Lee Hy San.

PRESIDENT'S SPEECH.

The President in proposing the toast of "Queen's College" said—

"Mr. Crook and Gentlemen—I must beg your kind attention for a toast which I while I propose to you, a toast which I know you will all honour with great pleasure—with as much pleasure as it gives me to propose it—and I assure you that it is saying a good deal. I mean, as you have already guessed 'Queen's College.' We are all members of the Queen's College Old Boys' Association, and are very proud of our Alma Mater. (Applause.) If I remember rightly I think I told you, from this chair, just about a year ago, that to the members of the Q.C.O.B.A. Queen's College could be compared to good wine which, as the saying goes, needs no bush, or to a good cause which needs no talking, and that it could also stand its ground without being bespattered by after dinner praise. (Applause.) Our Association to-day is a body which numbers now about 750 members. We are doing all we possibly can with our funds to further the interests of the College, and to benefit, as far as we possibly can, the present scholars. We have allotted sufficient funds for the permanent endowment of two annual scholarships of \$50 each to perpetuate the memory of Mr. Tsang Chun, and the late Mr. Ng In. As our funds increase it is our hope to go on with the good work. (Applause.) A special subscription was raised last year towards the cost of a demand draft on London which was presented to Mr. Tanner, the late Headmaster, on his retirement last October, to enable him to buy a small touring car. So that he shouldn't forget us" was the idea at the back of our heads at the time of the presentation, but I have since thought that in the case of any minor accidents he will also most probably "bless us." (Laughter.) We old boys were very sorry to lose Mr. Tanner. I will not dilate on the many good services rendered by him whom we all looked upon as a friend, nor on the upright and manly conduct that characterised his course in life, winning for him as it has done, the esteem of all. As a friend, as a man, as a citizen, he has gained golden opinions and that fair fame that ever crowns the worker of good deeds. (Applause.)

THE PAST YEAR.

The Grim Reaper has treated us most unkindly since our last re-union in this hall, and it is with great regret that I have to report the passing on of the following members of this association:—Mr. Laing Lau Huan, a former Chinese Consul to Australia; the Hon. Mr. Chan Si Ki; Mr. Ho Cheuk; Mr. C. H. Lyson; Mr. M. B. Saffell and Mr. H. H. Taylor. The year 1925 has been a memorable though not a very happy year for Hongkong and Queen's College. I see from the school magazine that the year began auspiciously and that in May it looked as if 1925 was to be one of the best years ever experienced by our Alma Mater. Then came the agitators and the strike, and a sorry mess of things they made. Fortunately, Queen's College, and the Colony, though sorely wounded, pulled through, and now both look forward to the future with confidence.

I am so happy to note that our present scholars appreciate the fact that they are applying a devotion to their studies under the most benevolent educational regime in the Empire. I am so pleased, too, to see that they are ready and willing to participate in all the numerous advantages that this College offers and to enjoy that sense of protection which recent experiences have taught us are not obtainable outside the confines of our beautiful island. The time is still sorely out of joint, but I feel sure that you will also join me in the expression of the hope that nothing may intervene to thwart any attempts to secure a happy understanding of the mutual requirements of the inhabitants at the ends of the chain of commerce that lines the greatest trade emporium in the world, and that the rehabilitation of our intercourse will be cemented in such a manner that we may readily and everlastingly forget the events that have disturbed our hitherto happy social and commercial relations with the Province of Kwangtung, and Canton in particular. (Applause.)

My next duty is to congratulate one of our most esteemed old boys, Dr. C. C. Wang, on his appointment to the Chair of Pathology in the University of Amoy. We are really proud of you, Doctor, and trust you will be able to find time to visit Hongkong each year about this time to grace our annual re-union with your cheery presence. (Applause.)

I remember distinctly telling you some two or three years ago that it seems somewhat of a paradox to say so, that whereas the College has largely made the old boys it seems, equally true that the old boys equally make the school. For it is to the character, conduct, and achievements of the old boys that many people look at when they are considering whether to send their sons to the school or to support it in any other way. These were no empty words, for the influence yielded by a great many of our old boys, in all walks of life, is tremendous. In this connection I would therefore ask you to always keep the old school before you when the time comes for you to decide on sending your sons to school. There should be no pressure shown for any other school than Queen's, and I would qualify this statement by asking you to look around this hall and note the portraits of the wonderful men who have guided its destinies in the old days and produced so many wonderful men, too numerous to mention individually, some of whose names are known to the world over. It is a fact too that as these dear, clever masters, which only a few of us here to-night remember, have retired, their shoes have been filled by others equally gifted. I could go on in this strain for quite a time, but as all the gentlemen present to-night on the staff appear to me to be uncomfortable, I would only ask one or two of them to blurt out. (Laughter.) I will spare their feelings. (Laughter and applause.) After all, as I said and done we are to give them a right royal time to-night, so it would be anything but kindness on my part to make them feel otherwise. (Applause.) But there is one gentleman I absolutely must single out for special reference—and that is Mr. Crook. (Applause.) Now, gentlemen, if it is wrong to abuse a man behind his back it is tasteless to flatter him to his face, but it is surely no flattery to say that the Hongkong Government had thought they would best honour Mr. Crook by appointing him to the Headmastership of this College. The Old Boys' Association think it extremely fortunate that Queen's College is to have, as Mr. Tanner's successor, such an excellent, erudite and popular Headmaster as Mr. Crook, who is beloved alike by old boys, present boys, and the whole staff, and who will carry on the best Queen's College traditions. (Applause.) There is no need for me to dwell upon Mr. Crook's virtues. He is so well known and so universally respected that nothing I might say could by any possibility add to his popularity, or to the high position he occupies in our minds. (Applause.) The President concluded by asking the Company to drink to the continued prosperity of Queen's College, and coupled with the toast the name of its popular Headmaster, Mr. Crook. (Loud applause.) The toast was honoured with great enthusiasm.

HEADMASTER'S SPEECH.

Mr. A. H. Crook, the Headmaster, proposed the toast of "The Queen's College Old Boys' Association," and said there were few things that added so much pleasure to the duties of the work of himself and his staff as the feeling that they had the constant support and approval of those who had long left College precincts. "Furthermore," he said, "the present pupils of this College are genuinely grateful to the Q.C.O.B.A. for the generous gifts of the Ng In and Tsang Chang scholarships, annual prizes given to the first boys in classes 7 and 8 at the final examination. These scholarships were awarded for the first time this year."

Another thing that greatly cheered those who carry on work in this institution, was the constant application of their sons. Mr. Crook spoke of the extension which had taken place in the curriculum of the College since the time of many of the old boys present, and concluded with a reference to the school magazine—*The Yellow Dragon*—as forming a living link between those who have left the College and those who remain, and in this connection paid a tribute to the Editorship of Mr. Kay, who, he said, is about to go on leave for a well-earned rest and holiday.

Mr. Crook caused much amusement by reading some amusing verses relative to Mr. Kay and *The Yellow Dragon* and finally called on the members of the Staff to raise and drink with him to the success and prosperity of the Q.C.O.B.A.

Mr. Kay, in a brief speech, appealed to all members of the Association to become "live members" of it and to take an active interest in its proceedings.

Mr. C. G. Anderson (Hon. Secretary) in proposing "Our Guests" remarked that the Q.C.O.B.A. had been compared to the hazy tree branches, and the Association was certainly in a very flourishing condition; while its continued success was assured. Continuing, Mr. Anderson said: As I have pointed out, this is our sixth annual re-union and incidentally this is the fourth occasion on which you have requested me to speak in this Hall. On account of my poverty in ideas I may, perhaps with profit, refer briefly to a question upon which I have previously touched. I recollect that at our Second Annual Dinner in 1923, I ventured the opinion that we,

as a body in whom the wisdom of the East is blended with the knowledge of the West, are peculiarly fitted to promote Anglo-Chinese co-operation, which I quote my own words was "now more than ever necessary for the prosperity of the Colony and the well-being of its citizens." Gentlemen, if co-operation be needed in 1926, its necessity in 1923 is imperative, and I found myself in good company when H.E. Sir Reginald Stubbs, in a speech made a few days prior to his departure from the Colony, spoke to the effect that, should a motto be required for Hongkong, the word "co-operation" should find in it a prominent place. You will also recollect, gentlemen, that the English Press, whose representatives and their Chinese colleagues we also have the honour of entertaining this evening, at once took up this standpoint and a symposium of the views of certain Chinese gentlemen as to the desirability of forming an Anglo-Chinese Club as a means towards co-operation was started by the *Hongkong Daily Press*. This desirable innovation, if adopted, I daresay you will agree with me, is merely one of the means to an end. But to my mind, co-operation that is real can only be achieved by the general recognition of certain principles. On the one hand, Britons should realize that every Chinese has a soul, that China, having a long glorious past, will have a glorious future with the possibility of contributing largely towards world peace, the attainment of which must be the concern of every right-minded individual and that China does not take kindly to, nor does she deserve, the shallow sneers and criticisms that have been flung at her by those least qualified to judge. On the other hand, Chinese should realize that a great part of the British public, and I may say the best part of the British public, has the best goodwill towards them, that the Briton who only knows force in his dealings with them is not representative of his race and is frowned upon by his betters, and that Great Britain is a great nation through the portals of whose world-famous universities and institutions, the most useful, gifted and brilliant of China's sons, including those at Canton, have passed and will continue to pass. With these ideas embedded in the mind of the two peoples, understanding and sympathy will appear and co-operation follows as a natural result; by the side of these ideas an artificial attempt towards co-operation, though desirable and necessary, tends to fade into insignificance. These principles are the *sine qua non* of co-operation that is real, and in giving them publicity, I indulge in no flattery; I am influenced by this fact, gentlemen, and that Great Britain and China should work together to the advantage and glory of both countries strikes a responsive chord in the breast of every member of the association in which I have the honour to serve in a humble capacity. The speech was interspersed with applause.

Professor Simpson (Hongkong University) replying said he felt that Queen's College and particularly the annual re-union of old boys provided a unique example of co-operation between the Chinese and British in Hongkong. An excellent musical programme was provided and very much enjoyed. It was opened by Mr. Edwards, who sang the "School Song." Others contributing to the programme included Messrs. C. W. Burnett, W. Kay, J. C. Fletcher, J. Rulston and a number of Chinese guests.

SHIPPING NOTES.

The Master of the s.s. *West O'Rourke* (American) has reported to the Harbour Office that the wreck of a fishing junk was passed in Lat. 22° 15' 30" N., Long. 113° 02' E. The sea, the report states, was breaking over the wreck, and the stern of the junk was about six feet out of the water. The wreck was described as being dangerous to navigation.

A notice in the Harbour Office states that information has been received from the Commanding Officer of the Royal Artillery, China Command, to the effect that station practice from Devil's Peak did not take place on February 22nd, due to weather conditions, and that the practice will now take place at the same time at Pakshawan on March 26th.

Following upon the collision between the *L31* and the Tai O ferry launch *Yew Sing* last week, while the submarine was in company with other under-water craft of the Submarine Flotilla of the China Squadron, about to start on the Southern Cruise, the Naval Authorities have received word during the week-end that the *L31*, another submarine of the flotilla, had grounded in the Paracels. The *L31*, it appears, went aground on the Bombay Reef, about 420 miles south of Hongkong, but was later refloated without having suffered any serious damage, and was able to resume her trip to Singapore.

The *Altai Maru*, which, as stated on Friday last, has been successfully refloated after being stranded for over a month in the Fau Tau Mun Pass, is now in Kowloon Dock to undergo extensive replating and strengthening.

The Star ferry launch *Night Star* was floated last week and the *Solar Star* is approaching completion on the slip-way.

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"JEYPORE"	5,315	5th Apr.	Singapore, Penang & Bombay.
"LAHORE"	5,332	11th Apr.	Singapore and Bombay.
"DELTA"	8,097	15th Apr.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	17th Apr.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KALYAN"	9,144	21st Apr.	do
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	1st May	Marseilles and London.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	15th May	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
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"DELTA"	8,097	7th Aug.	Marseilles and London.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	21st Aug.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"KALYAN"	9,144	4th Sept.	Marseilles and London.
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"ARAFURA"	8,000	7th Apr.	Manila, Saipan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, and Melbourne.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	5th May	do
"TANDA"	6,958	2nd June	do
"ARAFURA"	8,000	7th July	do

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SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI AND JAPAN

"KALYAN"	9,144	18th Mar. D.L.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	20th Mar.	do
"DELTA"	8,097	20th Mar.	Shanghai & Kobe.
"JAPAN"	6,052	22nd Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"TILAWA"	10,000	22nd Mar.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	2nd Apr.	Shanghai and Kobe.
"PERIM"	7,849	10th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	18th Apr.	do
"KASHGAR"	9,005	30th Apr.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"KHYBER"	9,114	6th May	Shanghai.
"TANDA"	6,958	8th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MALWA"	10,941	14th May	do
"MANTUA"	10,902	26th May	Shanghai and Kobe.
"KARMALA"	9,128	30th May	do
"RANPURA"	18,585	11th June	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"DELTA"	8,097	11th June	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	8,000	12th June	Shanghai only.
"KASHMIR"	8,855	25th June	Shanghai Moji & Kobe.
"RANPURA"	18,585	8th July	do
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	22nd July	do
"KALYAN"	9,144	5th Aug.	do
"MALWA"	10,941	19th Aug.	do
"KASHGAR"	9,005	2nd Sept.	do
"MOREA"	10,818	18th Sept.	do

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SAIGON	"YINGPO"	On 18th Mar.	6 a.m.
TIENSIN	"YINGPO"	On 18th Mar.	4 p.m.
AMOY & SHANGHAI	"SINKANG"	On 17th Mar.	6 a.m.
SHANGHAI	"SZTCHUEN"	On 18th Mar.	4 p.m.
HAIPHONG & SINGAPORE	"KAYING"	On 18th Mar.	4 p.m.
BANGKOK	"KWIYING"	On 18th Mar.	4 p.m.
HONGKONG	"TAIKOOOWANYI"	On 20th Mar.	4 p.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"SUNNING"	On 20th Mar.	4 p.m.
AMOY & SINGAPORE	"ANHUT"	On 23rd Mar.	6 a.m.

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TAIPING	18th May	25th May
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S.S. "VENEZIA"	...	Sails 29th Mar.
S.S. "ROSANDRA"	...	Sails 12th April
S.S. "FIUME"	...	Sails 3rd May
M.V. "VIMINALE"	...	Sails 31st May

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s.s. "LANGTON HALL"	... via Suez Canal ...	23rd Apr.

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INWARD MAILS.

FROM	PER	DATE
EUROPE via NAGASAKI (Papers only, London, 11th Feb.)	Hong Hua	15th March.
SHANGHAI	Sinaiang	15th March.
U.S.A., HONOLULU, JAPAN, SHANGHAI & EUROPE via SIBERIA	Free. Monroe	15th March.
SAIGON	Paul. Locat	15th March.
MANILA	Emp. of Canada	15th March.
STRAITS	Nansang	15th March.
AUSTRALIA AND MANILA	Ali. Mara	17th March.
AUSTRALIA & MANILA	Taiying	17th March.
EUROPE via SUEZ letters & parcels London 15th, Feb. and parcels 11th, Feb.	Kaiyan	17th March.
U.S.A., CANADA, JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Free. Madison	20th March.
STRAITS	Kiuno Mara	22nd March.
JAPAN	Tango Mara	23rd March.
JAPAN	Fushimi. Mara	26th March.
AUSTRALIA & MANILA	Changie	27th March.

OUTWARD MAILS.

FOR	PER	DATE
Manila	Pawlet	Monday, 15th, 3.30 P.M.
Amoy	Tungchow	5.00 P.M.
Manila	Free. Monroe	5.00 P.M.
Amoy	Kiungsu	5.00 P.M.
Shanghai & Japan	Iyo. Mara	5.00 P.M.
Holow and Haiphong	Mingang	Tuesday, 16th, 8.30 A.M.
Saigon & Bangkok	Koko. Mara	10.30 A.M.
Shanghai, Japan & EUROPE via Siberia (letters & postcards specially superscribed "via Siberia" only)	Paul. Locat	11.00 A.M.
Saigon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 14th April.	Portico	Reg. Letters 12.45 P.M.
Amoy and Fookchow	Hoi. Ning	2.00 P.M.
Amoy	Sinkiang	5.00 P.M.
Straits & Calcutta	Suisang	Wednesday, 17th, Noon
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America & EUROPE via Victoria, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C., 5th April.	Pres. Grant	1.00 P.M.
Manila	Resolute	Reg. Letters 2.45 P.M.
Shanghai	Kaiyan	3.30 P.M.
Japan & ...	Ali. Mara	4.00 P.M.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America & EUROPE via VANCOUVER, B.C.—due Vancouver, B.C., 5th April.	Emp. of Canada	Thurs., 18th, 9.30 A.M.
Haiphong	Kaiyan	Parcels 3.00 P.M.
Bangkok	Kueiyang	Reg. Letters 5.00 P.M.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 17th April.	Kiungsu	Friday, 19th, 2.30 P.M.
Shanghai & EUROPE via Siberia (letters & postcards specially superscribed "via Siberia" only)	Suisang	Saturday, 20th, 2.30 P.M.
Amoy	Anhui	Monday, 22nd, 3.00 P.M.
Shanghai, Japan & EUROPE via Siberia (letters & postcards specially superscribed "via Siberia" only)	Kiuno Mara	Tuesday, 23rd, 10.30 A.M.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 21st April.	Helenus	Reg. Letters 1.45 P.M.
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 4th April.	Tango Mara	Reg. Letters 2.30 P.M.
Shanghai	Hangang	10.30 A.M.

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COMMERCIAL.

OPENING QUOTATIONS.

March 15th, 1926.	
On London—	9.54
Telegraphic Transfer	3/8 5/16
Bank Bills, on demand	—
Bank Bills, at 30 days sight	—
Bank Bills, at 4 months sight	2/3
Credit, at 4 months sight	2/4 1/2
Documentary Bills, 4 months sight	2/4 1/2
On Paris—	1510
Bank Bills, on demand	1510
Credit, 4 months sight	551
On New York—	551
Bank Bills, on demand	551
Credit, at 30 days sight	551
On Bombay—	1501
Telegraphic Transfer	1501
Bank Bills, on demand	1501
On Calcutta—	1501
Telegraphic Transfer	1501
Bank Bills, on demand	1501
On Shanghai—	nom.
Bank Bills, at sight	1211
Private, 90 days sight	1101
On Yokohama—On demand	971
On Manila—On demand	1361
On Singapore—On demand	nom.
On Batavia—On demand	nom.
On Hongkong—On demand	nom.
On Saigon—On demand	nom.
On Bangkok—On demand	nom.
On Rangoon—On demand	nom.
On Swatow—On demand	nom.
On Amoy—On demand	nom.
On Canton—On demand	nom.
On Hankow—On demand	nom.
On Tientsin—On demand	nom.
On Peking—On demand	nom.
On Harbin—On demand	nom.
On Manchuria—On demand	nom.
On Korea—On demand	nom.
On Japan—On demand	nom.
On Australia—On demand	nom.
On New Zealand—On demand	nom.
On South Africa—On demand	nom.
On India—On demand	nom.
On Ceylon—On demand	nom.
On Mauritius—On demand	nom.
On Aden—On demand	nom.
On Egypt—On demand	nom.
On Suez—On demand	nom.
On Constantinople—On demand	nom.
On Smyrna—On demand	nom.
On Salonica—On demand	nom.
On Thessalonica—On demand	nom.
On Athens—On demand	nom.
On Corfu—On demand	nom.
On Zante—On demand	nom.
On Cephalonia—On demand	nom.
On Ithaca—On demand	nom.
On Lefkada—On demand	nom.
On Peloponnese—On demand	nom.
On Greece—On demand	nom.
On Turkey—On demand	nom.
On Persia—On demand	nom.
On India—On demand	nom.
On China—On demand	nom.
On Japan—On demand	nom.
On Korea—On demand	nom.
On Manchuria—On demand	nom.
On Mongolia—On demand	nom.
On Tibet—On demand	nom.
On Siam—On demand	nom.
On Laos—On demand	nom.
On Cambodia—On demand	nom.
On Vietnam—On demand	nom.
On Annam—On demand	nom.
On Tonkin—On demand	nom.
On Cochin-China—On demand	nom.
On French Indochina—On demand	nom.
On Dutch East Indies—On demand	nom.
On British East Indies—On demand	nom.
On Portuguese East Indies—On demand	nom.
On Spanish East Indies—On demand	nom.
On Italian East Indies—On demand	nom.
On German East Indies—On demand	nom.
On American East Indies—On demand	nom.
On European East Indies—On demand	nom.
On Asiatic East Indies—On demand	nom.
On African East Indies—On demand	nom.
On Australian East Indies—On demand	nom.
On New Zealand East Indies—On demand	nom.
On South American East Indies—On demand	nom.
On North American East Indies—On demand	nom.
On European East Indies—On demand	nom.
On Asiatic East Indies—On demand	nom.
On African East Indies—On demand	nom.
On Australian East Indies—On demand	nom.
On New Zealand East Indies—On demand	nom.
On South American East Indies—On demand	nom.
On North American East Indies—On demand	nom.

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Head Office: Hongkong.

Authorized Capital \$50,000,000
Issued and Fully Paid-up \$50,000,000
Reserve Funds:—
Sinking \$4,500,000
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Hongkong, 27th February, 1926. [25]

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For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
A. H. BARLOW,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 7th January, 1926. [26]

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A. H. FERGUSON,
Manager.
Hongkong, April 15th, 1926. [27]

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Paid-up Capital Frs. 68,400,000.00
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A. LECOT,
Manager.
Hongkong, 20th March, 1926. [28]

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J. B. ROSS,
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7, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, April 17th, 1926. [29]

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T. TAKAGI,
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HONGKONG BRANCH,
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TSUYEE PEI,
Manager.
Hongkong, January 16th, 1926. [28]

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Established 1824.

Hongkong Branch established 1906.

Authorized Capital

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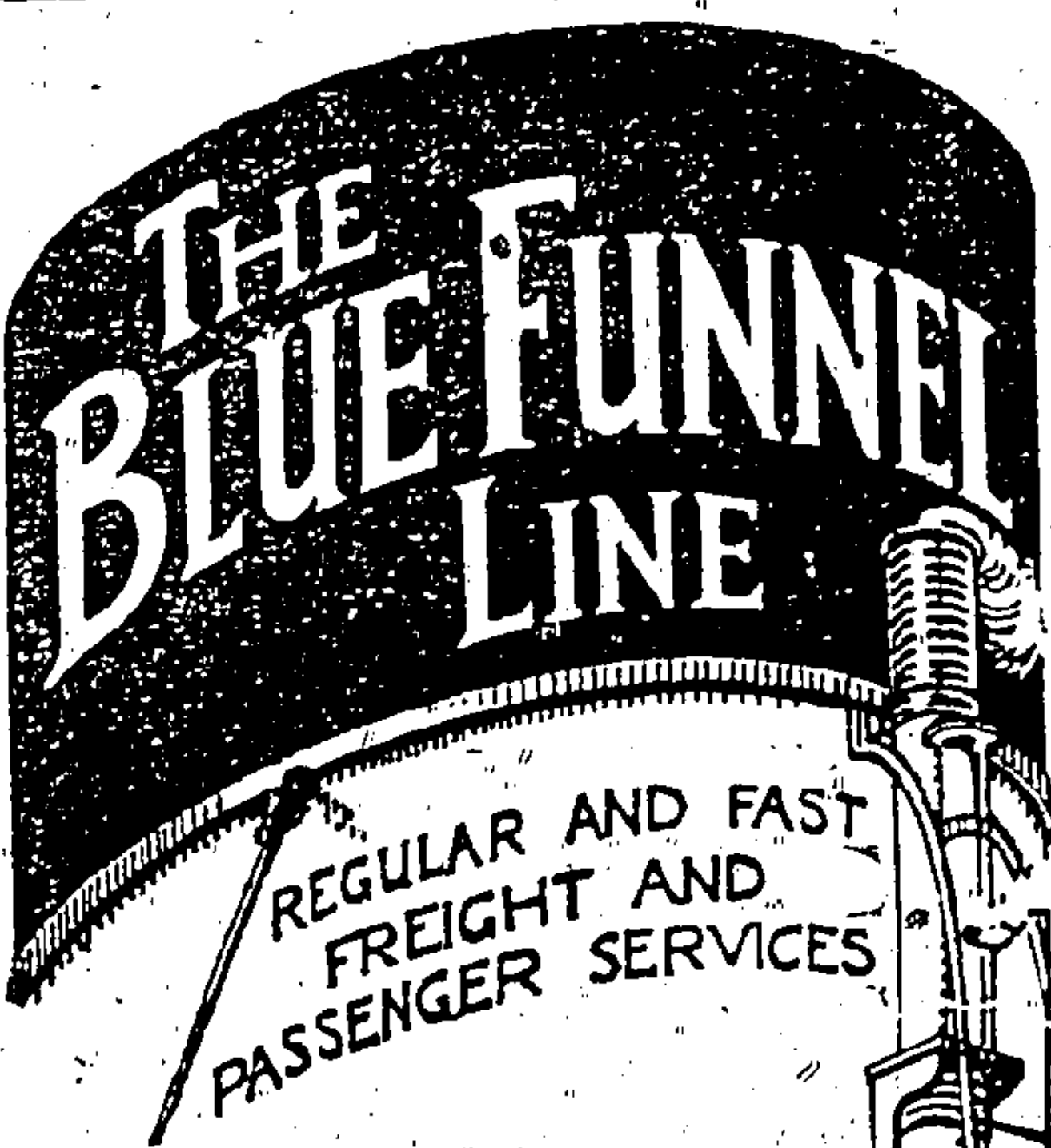
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